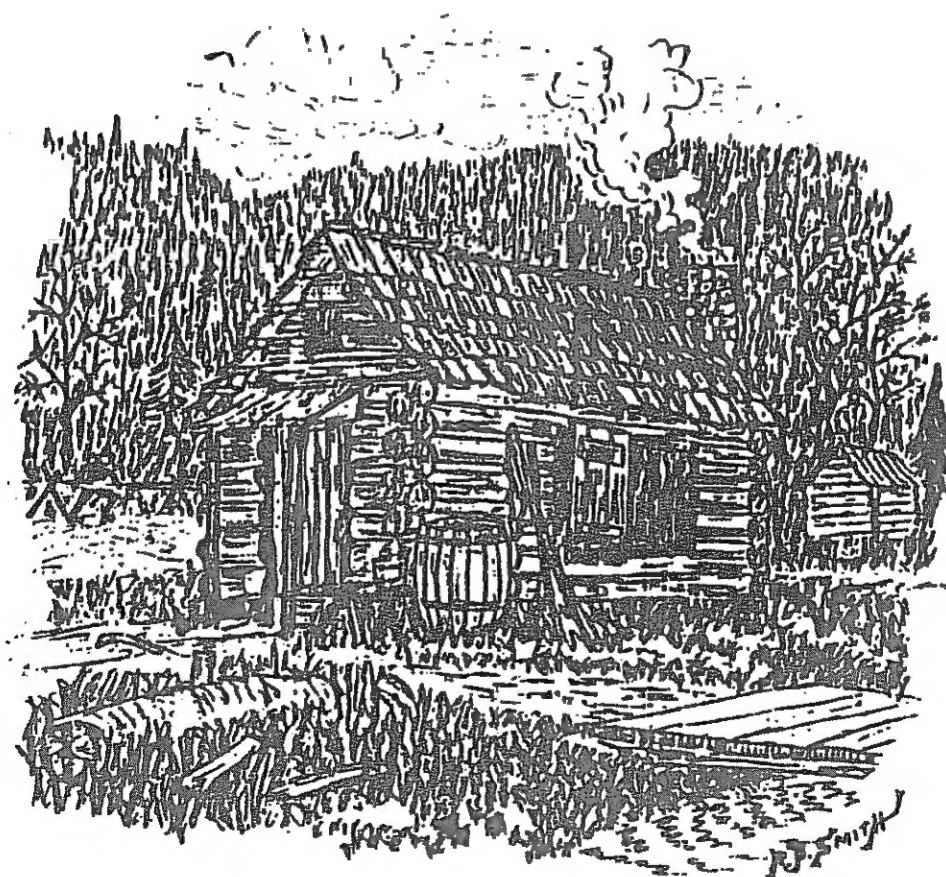


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Notes from the HCPD President

March 1993

Vice President Chuck Gilchrist has presented to the Exec. Committee an inviting program for our Annual Gathering August 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1993, at Jane Lew, W. Va. Make note on your travel calendar. School Bus (s) are planned instead of vans to meet the growing demands to visit historic spots, quickly and safely.

To save money, paper, and increase HCPD services to its members, we leased a heavy duty copier which collates and prints on both sides of a sheet of paper.

David Kuhl, HCPD member of Mississippi, called me one evening recently. He said to go to Keyser, W. Va., and pick up two computers, a printer, and some computer furniture. At Keyser is Chester Steyer who mentioned the offer to Dave. Steyer, who is a retired Methodist Minister, has a collection of names and ancestor data. He came to our HCPD Library and visited with us. An agreement was prepared, thanks to Joy, Chuck, Les Fury and Steyer. Chuck and Joy went to Keyser, transported the fine gift to our Library and set up our newly acquired and much appreciated equipment. The Exec. Committee voted to make Steyer a life time member to HCPD on March 6, 1993.

A big thank you goes to David Kuhl for his timely assistance.

Elaine Stalnaker of Weston is now the HCPD Treasurer, due to the resignation of the former Treasurer, Edward Lee Allman. Beverly Messenger was appointed assistant Treasurer. Allman, who developed a comprehensive system of recording the growing financial activities of HCPD, is assisting in a smooth transition of responsibilities. Those of you who are familiar with debits, credits, assets, liabilities, surplus and deficits, loans and account payable, ledgers, and journals will be quick to recognize the outstanding job that Allman so ably performed, and the time it takes to serve as the HCPD Treasurer. Allman is available to assist as needed. "Just call," he said.

To Ed we say "A Big, Big Thank You!" and keep in touch with us.

Our thanks to Kenneth Stalnaker who comes when we call to help plan, design, and prepare a list of materials needed to make more shelves. Chuck and Kenneth have workable designs to better use our shelf space and to develop portable shelf bins to store and to transport our books to our Annual Gathering.

Talk to Joy, Chuck and Irma who went to Weirton and returned with an arm load of books which are on loan to HCPD. They found another source of area history which will enhance our library resources.

Two more grants were received recently. The Burr Sprigg estate of Weston answered our application with a grant of \$395.00 and the Lewis County Historic And Preservation Committee (LCHPC) gave us \$431.00 dollars. To each we say a "Thanks Very Much!". This brings grants applied for and received to over \$13,000.00.

*Maurice L. Allman*

March 1993

Dear Members:

Here we are - half-way through a new year - and we continue to grow.

The promised computers have materialized. As soon as you can, won't you take a moment to drop a card of thanks to Rev. Chester Steyer, 500 Carskadon Lane, Apt. 207, Keyser, WV 26726-2542.

We're in the process of installing some new programs and converting some of our records, like the card catalogue, to the computer. Look for information elsewhere in this Journal to learn how you (even those in California and Timbuktu) can help us become "computerized."

Our membership has reached the same level that we were at the end of last fiscal year - and that shows tremendous growth. Usually, at this time in the year, we are down by 20% or so. Great job, everyone, of getting your dues paid and telling other genealogists and historians about HCPD!

THE BOOK IS FINISHED! It has been proof-read, edited, etc., and is now in design. In the next week or so, we should get back the "blue lines," and will know what it looks like. To date, we have sold almost 400 books. We'd like to see that number at 700 by June 1. In an effort to increase sales, we are offering a discount on volume sales. The pricing structure is:

- 1 - 9 books - no discount - regular price \$39.50
- 10 - 25 books - \$35.00 per book
- 25 - 50 books - \$32.50 per book
- 50 or more - \$30.00 per book.

These prices are effective only until May 28, 1993.


Orders must be received at HCPD by that date to qualify for the discounted price. Here's your chance to do your Christmas shopping or make an investment. After publication, and as time passes, the books will increase in value. Out-of-state orders do not have to pay West Virginia sales tax, but those with a West Virginia address must add 6% to their order. Unless you intend to pick your book(s) up at the library or the gathering, you also must include \$4.50 postage and handling for each book.

Our library is growing by leaps and bounds. Several volunteers are copying the grantor-grantee index for Lewis County deeds up to 1935 in preparation of the acquisition of the original deed books from the Lewis County Clerk's office in the very near future.

In case you're wondering, we all weathered the "Mother of Snow Storms" quite well. Now if it just doesn't flood!

We're getting a number of requests for information that do not include a SASE. Please, please, help us keep costs down and include a SASE in your requests.

Speaking of requests for information - our standard policy has been to help with small research requests, but to suggest that members submit a query for information they seek. The volunteers just don't have the time to do research for others. However, realizing that there are those out there who will never get to come to Central West Virginia, three local researchers are offering their services for a fee. Please check elsewhere in this issue for their names and addresses and fee schedule. If there are others who would like their names added to the list, please contact me.

  
Andy Gilchrist  
Editor

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### 200th Anniversary McWhorter Cabin Celebration

The McWhorter Family and the McWhorter Cabin Committee will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the construction of the McWhorter Cabin July 23, 24, & 25, 1993, at Jackson's Mill. A full schedule of events is planned including a two-act play, seminars, tours, etc. All McWhorter descendants and friends are invited to participate. For further information and reservations, contact Robert F. McWhorter, 1320 Dogwood Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505. PH (w) (304) 293-6721 or (h) (304) 599-2219.

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### LAST MINUTE BULLETIN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Want to do so some courthouse research in Lewis County, but can't get hre when the courthouse is open??? Don't despair! HCPD recently received in their custodial care ALL LEWIS COUNTY DEED BOOKS UP TO 1905, AND BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS TO THE PRESENT DAY. Shortly, we will be receiving all land banks, some of the court minutes and - - - -

We are grateful to Mary Lou Myers, Lewis County Clerk, and the Lewis County Commissioners for sharing this wonderful genealogical bounty with us.



AMENDMENTS TO HCPD BY LAWS

In accordance with our by-laws, these amendments to the By-laws are presented for your consideration before the annual meeting.  
Article IX -

b) Presently reads:

The Publicity Committee shall encourage publication of news relating to the activities, especially the Annual Meeting, of the Society.

Change to read:

The Publicity Committee shall encourage publication of news relating to the activities, especially the Annual Meeting, of the Society and shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

c) Add:

The Committee shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

-d) replace Secretary/Treasurer with Treasurer.

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Add the following Standing Committees to Article IX -

f. The Correspondence Committee shall answer all correspondence coming to the society pertaining to membership, inquiries for help with research, etc., shall be responsible for mailing the Hacker's Creek Journal and other letters to the general membership, and shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

g. The Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing or causing to be maintained and repaired all buildings and grounds owned or leased by the society and shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

h. The Cemetery Records Committee shall compile and maintain a record of all cemeteries within the Central West Virginia area and, from time to time, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, prepare for publication the names and other pertinent information of those buried within the area. They shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their Committee.



Article II. Section 1. Paragraph 1.

Now reads: "Assist in the development and preservation of the history and genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area of West Virginia."

Amend to read: "Assist in the development and preservation of the history and genealogy of the Central West Virginia area."

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Article IV - Membership.

Now reads:

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area.

Hacker's Creek is defined as that area included in the watershed drained by said stream.

Amend to read:

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Central West Virginia area.

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Article V - Government.

Change Section 1 to Section 1 a)

Add:

Section 1 b) The Endowment Committee Chairperson and the Standing Committee chairpersons shall serve as an Advisory Council to the Executive Committee.

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Article V. Section 6 d)

Add:

Serve as a member of the Endowment Fund Committee.

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i. The Library Committee shall assist the Archivist/Librarian with his/her duties and shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

j. The Cemetery Maintenance Committee shall be responsible for maintaining or causing to be maintained Morrison Cemetery and others within the Central West Virginia area as selected by the Executive Committee or for which funds for the purpose are donated by the general membership. The Committee shall advise the Executive Committee concerning the accomplishment of the purposes of their committee.

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Change Article XI - Dissolution to "Article XII"

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Insert Article XI - Endowment Fund

a) An endowment fund shall be established, the income from which shall be used for the purpose of paying utilities, maintaining, purchasing and/or leasing a library facility for the Society.

b) The Endowment Fund shall be administered by an Endowment Fund Committee comprised of a elected chairperson, the treasurer, and three persons appointed by the President with the advise and consent of the Executive Committee. At least one of the five members shall be an attorney and at least one shall be an accountant or professional financial advisor.

c) The committee shall invest Endowment Funds in a low-risk manner.

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WV GEN. SOCIETY ATT MS CHAPLIN PO BOX 249 ELKVIEW WV 25071  
WYMER DACHIE VELMA RT 1 BOX 120 ORLANDO WV 26412  
YATES GARNETTE COAKLEY 844 ALMA DR NORFOLK VA 23518-2725

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This is the date given in the typed record for David. David was born 01 Feb 1832 . . this has been confirmed by me from his death certificate on file in Gilmer Co., and his tombstone at the Pickeral Cemetery in Gilmer Co and the Federal Graves Registration of Confederate Soldiers at the Cultural Center in Charleston, WV. You will note Eliza is listed on page 42 under deaths as Eliza Hinzman.. she married late in life to George Hinzman and died with in a couple of years of her marriage and is buried in the same plot as her brother David in Gilmer Co., WV.

## MICHAEL STUMPF I REUNION

In 1743 Michael Stumpf and his wife, Catherine, emigrated from Germany to the New World, and settled in what is now Hardy County, West Virginia. There they raised six children: George, who married Elizabeth Wilson; Michael II, who married Sarah Hughes; Leonard, who married Catherine See; Elizabeth, who married Felix Welton; Catherine, who married Jacob Brake; and Magdalene, who married Jacob Yoakum. Descendants of these six children have spread all over the country.

On Saturday, June 12, 1993 a reunion of the Stump Descendants will be held at the Stumpf Run Farms in Hardy County, WV. through the generosity of Mr. John Buhl who has restored the 1740's log home and has incorporated most of the original Stump acreage into his farms.

Since this will be the first "Michael Stump I" reunion, the day promises to be filled with lots of good fellowship and memories as cousins from the six branches meet. Included in the plans are various door prizes and a large "Stump Family Tree" where each descendant can place his/her name on a leaf of the appropriate branch.

Don't leave your branch bare! Bring your picnic basket, your blanket or chair, and your children and join the family. We will gather at 12:00 Noon, lunch at 1:00. The Stumpf Run Farms are 14 miles from Moorefield on the South Fork Road. Watch for the STUMPF REUNION signs.

For further information, call or write:

Sandra Stump Wilson  
1126 South Dennison St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
Phone: 317-247--8690

Geraldine Stump  
Rt. HC66 Box 24  
Romney, WV 26757  
304-822-3798

Lela Stump Bonner  
Rt. 1, Box 8  
Reedsville, WV 26547  
304-864-5309

**\*&^%\$@ COMPUTERS )&#@\*^>**

or

**How You Can Help HCPD Grow**

Yes, the computers have arrived. One of our goals is to build a database of individuals who lived in Central West Virginia, and particularly in Lewis County. For this purpose, we have chosen to use Brother's Keeper.

Hartel Strader of Miamisburg, Ohio, has entered all three of our 5-generation chart books on the program; Don Norman of Elletts, Ohio, has added more than 5100 pages of data and Derek Kuhl of Ocean Spring, Missouri, more than 13,000 names. Joy, Rev Messenger, and Chris Turner are in the process of adding their charts to the data bank which already had more than 6000 names from Rev. Stever.

Are you willing to share your charts from your computer entries??? Send a GEDCOM of your information; Brother's Keeper will import data from PAF, Roots II & III, Family Roots, and other programs with a GEDCOM. Remember - you must "export" data from your database via GEDCOM before it can be used by Brother's Keeper.

For those of you who use Brother's Keeper - if you use version 5.0 or 5.1, do not GEDCOM. Just send a copy of your data and we can merge it into our files. If you use version 4.5, then you must GEDCOM. If you have any questions about this, please contact Joy Gilchrist, HC-64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26321 PH (304) 269-9789. (We have an answering machine which will ring 6-8 times before answering if we are unavailable. If all else fails, call the library. That number is (304) 269-7091.

Visiting the Library

With vacation time rapidly approaching, visitation to the library will increase. While we make every effort to man the library a full schedule of hours, from time to time someone is late getting to the library. Should you arrive at 10 am and no one is there, please wait; someone will be along. Library hours are Mon & Thurs 10 am to 8 pm; Tues, Wed, Fri, 10 am - 3 pm; Sat 10 am - 2 pm. Also, we are closed the first Saturday of each month for executive meeting.

Looking ahead through the rest of the year, we will be closed Memorial Day, May 31; Labor Day, September 6; Thanksgiving week, November 21-27; Christmas, December 20 - 21; and New Year's Eve, December 31. Should you be coming from out of town during times when we are closed, if you will call or write ahead and make arrangements, someone will come to the door. Again, the phone number is (304) 269-7091.

## FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

Hi! Just wanted to thank you all for your contributions to our library. It is through your generosity that our collection keeps growing by leaps and bounds. I would like for you to write your name and address on the title page or front page of the book, so we can acknowledge your donation. If your donation has not been mentioned, please let me know and it will be in a future Journal.

Thanks,  
Irma

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The following books have been donated, but the donors name is unknown. If one of these is yours, please let us know.

Preservation Briefs	Beckwith Family
Samuel Butcher	Stonehenge Decoded
Pioneers	Miscellaneous Obituaries
Marion County Births	Marion County Deaths
Marion County Census	Emergence of Jackson County
(1850-1860)	Jackson County Past and
Jackson County Sketch Book	Present
Gould Family	Milnear Family
Woofter Family	West Virginia History
My Dear Miss Eva	Volume XLV
Lewis County Census 1850	Recollections of Lewis
World Conference on Record	Bonnett, Jr.
Four volumes	Abstracts of Wills, Inven-
Ye Meetg Hous Smal	tories, and Adminis-
Roster of War 1812 - General	trations - Loudon Co, VA
Society	1757-1800
Pension and Bounty Lands	Country Style
Warrant Records	Hillbilly Dictionary
War Between the States	Hartford Co, MD, Naturali-
Logan County Cemeteries	zation Records
Volume I	

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Donations to Library

The following church histories were donated by the respective churches: Weston Assembly of God; Georgetown Church; Horner Methodist Church; Churchville United



Methodist Church; Jane Lew First Methodist Church; First Methodist Church; Jacksonville Church; St. Clara Catholic Church; Carmel Methodist Church; and Berlin United Methodist Church.

Other books received with the donor's name are:

Guide to Virginia Militia Units from the author, Stuart Butler  
Notes on Settlements and Indian Wars from Ruth Brodine  
History of Old Zion Church (2 copies) from Ruth Brodine  
Loyal West Virginians From 1861-1865 from Ruth Brodine  
Commanders of the Civil War from Berly Baldwin  
Critics and Allied Families from Roger Cortes  
Duck Creek Cemetery from William F. Donnell  
Matthew Family from Nelson Matthew  
Duvall Family from Robert B. Smith  
Denner-Blackstone-Rohner-Colebank-Heaton-Mielenz-Meisenberg-Rohrbough from Ruth Post  
Hershman Cemetery from Joy Gilchrist  
Cemeteries of Coshocton, Ohio from Joy Gilchrist  
Miscellaneous Preston County Cemeteries from Joy Gilchrist  
Benear Family from E. P. Heflin  
Gilmer County Cemeteries from Beulah Robinson  
Volume 13 of West Virginia 1880 Census from the compiler Bill Marsh. We now have the complete set. Thanks, Bill, for the great job!  
Early Virginia Marriages from Beulah Robinson  
First Marriage Record of Augusta County, VA from Beulah Robinson  
Coshocton County, Ohio 1830 Census from Joy Gilchrist  
Weston Democrat (many issues) from Bob Smith, Virginia Davisson and HCPD  
Across the Atlantic and Beyond purchased by HCPD  
Richard Dotson and His Descendants purchased by HCPD  
Monongalia County Court Records, Vol. 5 purchased by HCPD  
Hollen Across America purchased by HCPD  
The Shaul Family History purchased by HCPD  
Lewis County Cemeteries, Vol I, II & III our own pub  
Indian Wars in the United States from Charles Gilchrist  
Gilmer County Points of Interest from Joy Gilchrist  
Library Directories OH-WV-VA from Joy Gilchrist  
Jacksonville Church from Joy Gilchrist  
West Virginia Towns from Joy Gilchrist  
Journalists and Journalism from Charles & Joy Gilchrist  
Up-Fall of Roanoke from Joy Gilchrist  
Battle of Rich Mountain from Charles & Joy Gilchrist  
and From the South from Charles & Joy Gilchrist

Arch A. Moore, Vol. 1 & 2, from Charles Gilchrist  
VA/WV Genealogical Data From the Revolutionary War purchased  
by HCPD  
Migration, Emigration, Immigration from Virginia Wakeman  
Pennsylvania Area Key from Virginia Wakeman  
Genealogical Atlas from Virginia Wakeman  
Federal Population Census 1798-1890 from Virginia Wakeman  
Randolph Co, IL, Naturalization from Virginia Wakeman  
Tuscarawas County, OH, Census from Virginia Wakeman  
Wartenbe Genealogy from Virginia Wakeman  
Survey of American Church Records from Virginia Wakeman  
Massachusetts Militia Companies and Officers in the  
Lexington Alarm from Virginia Wakeman  
Saints and Strangers from Virginia Wakeman  
Mellet, Hickman Family of Henry Co, IN from Virginia  
Wakeman  
Wuertenberg Emigration Index from Virginia Wakeman  
Notices from New Hampshire Gazette from Virginia Wakeman  
Hawkeye Heritage from Virginia Wakeman  
Indiana Magazine of History from Virginia Wakeman  
Wilderness Road from Virginia Wakeman  
The Maine Seine from Virginia Wakeman  
The Highlander from Virginia Wakeman  
Legacy from Virginia Wakeman  
Nexus from Virginia Wakeman  
Forebears from Virginia Wakeman  
Born on the Fourth of July from K. C. Priest  
Davis Settlers of Salem, WV from Susie Nicholson  
Index to above from Susie Nicholson  
Pendleton County Grave Register, Volumes I & II, from  
Estate of Mabel Scott  
Holt-Bennett Family History from Estate of Mabel Scott  
The Livingstones of Virginia from Lucille B. Coone  
Glass Genealogy from Lucille B. Coone  
Swisher-Romine Families from Rocky Swisher  
WV 2nd Biennial Report - Archives and History from Rocky  
Swisher  
West Virginians from Rocky Swisher  
Miscellaneous Information from George Scott  
Rev. John Rowan Family from Ruth Post  
Moccasin Traces from Ruth Post  
History of Hardy County from Ruth Post  
Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County from Ruth Post  
Washington's Western Lands from Ruth Post  
History of Randolph County from Ruth Post  
History of Braxton County from Ruth Post  
History of Hampshire County from Ruth Post  
Heraldry in America from Alberta Dennison  
Pendleton County Past and Present from Emolenie Lynch

Pendleton County Census 1830/1850/1860 from Emolene Lynch  
Pendleton County Land Records from Emolene Lynch  
Inscriptions, Grave Yards Whippany and Hanover, Morris Co., NY from Emolene Lynch  
Researchers Guide to Census 1790-1920 from Emolene Lynch  
Washington County, PA, Census 1783-1790 from Emolene Lynch  
Our Vanishing Landscape from Bud Allman  
Lewis Countians in WW II, Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 from Otis Reed  
Rollins and Clark from Aristotle Rollins  
Pioneers of Old Monocacy from Paul & Wilma Ratliff  
Alphabetical Listing of Passengers on the Mayflower from Eva Newlon  
Callaway Co, MO, Marriages 1821-1871 from Bill Henderson  
Ancestors of Robert Kay from Jerry Kay  
Descendants of Robert Kay from Jerry Kay  
Webster County Obituaries from Janet Ochletree  
West Virginia Hillbilly, many issues, from Robert B. Smith and Rocky Swisher  
Weston Independent, several years, purchased by HCPD

#### Museum Donations

The following items have been donated for the museum.

Jane Lew Jackson Store Journals from Mary Jackson  
Portrait of Gen. Robert McClellan from Bill Hayes  
Broad Run Church plate from Janet Roby Cosgrove  
Arrowhead and primitive tool collection from George Scott  
Lap desk from Mrs. Joseph L. May  
Lewis County Map - 1892 from Jean Conley in memory of her parents, Ernest G. and Opal Conley.  
Ball Family Genealogy Chart from Robert B. Smith  
Numerous maps from Robert B. Smith

More than 4000 photographs were donated for the new history. It is impossible to acknowledge each and every one individually. But, thanks, everyone. All are indexed and on file in the library.

#### **DRAWING FOR HISTORY BOOK**

Three coupons will be found on the last page of this issue. You may copy them and sell to others who might be interested in winning a new Lewis County History Book. For every 50 tickets sold, one history book will be given away. Proceeds will go to the Endowment Fund. Send coupons together with \$1 for each coupon to History Book Drawing, HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378. If you have any questions, call the library at 304-269-7091

ELEVENTH ANNUAL GATHERING  
HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, August 12, 1993:

10:00	Move library, set-up, etc.
1:00 - 6:00	Sales table open and library available for research
6:00	Covered dish dinner
7:30	Dedication of Hacker Tombstone and Memorial Service for Deceased Members and Ancestors - Morrison Cemetery

No organized meeting this evening. Meet, greet, and renew friendships and relationships. Those who wish to attend the dedication may do so; others are welcome to remain at firehouse.

Friday, August 13, 1993:

Sales table will be open and library will be available for research 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

8:30 - ??	Registration
9:30 - 10:30	How To's of Genealogy by Joyce Chambers - Charles Gilchrist
11:00 - 12:00	Questions & Answers (Maybe): A Panel Discussion Dennis Rodgers, moderator and panelist; other panelists - Robert B. Smith, Hartzel Strader, Joy Gilchrist, Ella Maroon

Bring your genealogy questions and problems and let the panel suggest ways to solve them.

1:00 - 4:30      Tours

This year's tours will be via schoolbus. There will be some walking on Tour 1, so wear comfortable shoes. Those who are unable to walk will still be able to participate since many sites will be visible from the bus. Please indicate on your pre-registration form if you "think" you will take one of the tours so that we will know what size bus to reserve. Tours will be \$5 per person to cover the cost of the driver and gasoline.

Tour 1: This tour will cover many of the historic sites around Jane Lew, Berlin, and Jesse's Run.  
Tour guide: Joy Gilchrist

Tour 2: This tour will cover most of the historic sites in Weston, including the State Hospital, Courthouse, old homes, the Colored School, etc.  
Tour guide: Bill Adler

6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Introductions; Roll-call of States and Families; Music by \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, August 14, 1993:

Sales table will be open and library will be available for research 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

8:30 am - ?? Registration  
10:00 - 11:30 Annual business meeting  
12:30 - 5:00 Tour

Tour 3: The tour will go first to Jackson's Mill for burying of the time capsule at the McWhorter Cabin. It will depart there at 1:45 and go on to Arnold, Jacksonville, Walkersville, Mary Conrad Cabin, Stonewall Jackson Recreational Area (the lake), and Stonewall Jackson Dam.

1:00 - 1:45 Burying of Time Capsule at McWhorter Cabin, Jackson's Mill. The museum will be open for those who wish to visit it.  
5:30 Dinner - Wondering what you're going to eat?? Keep on reading.  
7:00 Evening Program:  
Cloggers -  
Donovan Bond: "The Scots-Irish in Western Virginia"  
Denton King & Friend will bring us some 'good ol' mountain music.

Sunday, August 15, 1993:

10:00 Church Services at Law Chapel

This church on Smoke Camp of the Right Hand Fork of Freeman's Creek was built in 1878. Regular services are no longer held in this well-preserved old church which still has two doors (one for the men, one for the women), straight-backed pews, oil lights, and a pump organ. We've heard that one of the old-time ministers will be preaching the sermon. (Will it be Rev. David Smith in his top hat?

Henry McWhorter in buckskins? Rev. John Mitchell or Rev. Samuel Clawson in linsey-woolsey?) Hats, gloves, and old-time dress are encouraged but not required. Muzzle-loaders must be left at the door. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the Law Chapel Cemetery Association who maintains the church.

1:30

Meet at the firehouse to pack and return books to our library in Weston.

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### MEALS

Wondering what about the food?? This year we're trying something different.

Thursday evening, August 12, we're having a covered dish dinner at the firehouse where the gathering is held. "Locals" (anyone within an hour or so of Jane Lew) are asked to bring meats, casseroles, salad trays, and things that don't travel well. "Travelers" can visit the deli at any one of the local supermarkets (Weston and/or Clarksburg), Hardees or KFC for fried chicken, or bring cakes, rolls, etc., from home. Table service and drinks will be furnished.

Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, the Shamrock Homemaker's Club of Ireland will have a food stand with both hot and cold drinks, breakfast rolls, sandwiches, chips, etc. Prices will be very reasonable and the club will donate their proceeds to the Hospice program.

The two evening meals (Friday and Saturday) will be catered and served in the dining room. Each meal is priced at \$7.50. Reservations must be made by August 9. Menus are:

Friday: Baked ham; scalloped potatoes; sweet potatoes; green beans; rigatoni; cole slaw; applesauce; rolls and butter, dessert; coffee and tea.

Saturday: Roast beef; parsleyed potatoes; tossed salad; mixed vegetables; apple sauce; rolls and butter, dessert; coffee and tea.

Sunday, you are on your own!!

RESERVATION FORM  
11th ANNUAL GATHERING - H.C.P.D.

\_\_\_\_\_ persons will be attending the gathering.

Enclosed is \$2.50 registration fee for each person.

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ persons will be eating dinner on Friday evening.

Enclosed is \$7.50 for each meal.

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\_\_\_\_\_ persons will be eating dinner on Saturday evening.

Enclosed is \$7.50 for each meal.

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are our dues for 1993-94 at \$20 per year.

Note: Life Membership in HCPD is \$500. Those who make a \$200 donation to the Library Endowment Fund will receive a two-year membership and be a Patron. Sponsors are donations of \$100 or less. I would like to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Enclosed is my donation of \_\_\_\_\_.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

I "think" that \_\_\_\_\_ persons will take Tour 1.

I "think" that \_\_\_\_\_ persons will take Tour 2.

I "think" that \_\_\_\_\_ persons will take Tour 3.

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 9.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



PLACES TO STAY

## Motels in the area:

Wilderness Plantation Inn (nearest the gathering)

E-105 I-79

Jane Lew, WV ph (304) 884-7806

Comfort Inn

Rt 33 E at I-79

Weston, WV ph (304) 269-7000

Weston Motor Inn

US Rt 19 South

Weston, WV ph (304) 269-1975

Super 8

12 Market Pl

Weston, WV ph (304) 269-1086

## Camping:

Lewis County Park

Smith Run Road

Weston, WV ph (304) 269-6599

SB—Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram, Sunday, Jan. 1, 1983

## Empire Bank Lists Distribution Of Funds from M.B. Sprigg Trust

Distribution of \$43,198.53 to charitable organizations operating in Lewis County has been announced by The Empire National Bank of Clarksburg, Testamentary Trustee under the will of the late Melvin Burr Sprigg of Weston.

Agencies sharing in the distribution were Allohak Council, Boy Scouts of America; Black Diamond Girl Scout Council; Central West Virginia Community Action Association; Rural Transportation Program; Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants; Hope, Inc.; Jackson Memorial Community Association; Jackson's Mill Volunteer Fire Department; Jane Lew Volunteer Fire Department; Lewis County Chapter, American Red Cross; Lewis County Senior Citizens Center; Louis Bennett Public Library; Minute Manor Youth Center; Price-

town Volunteer Fire Department; Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital; Walkersville Volunteer Fire Department, and Weston Volunteer Fire Department.

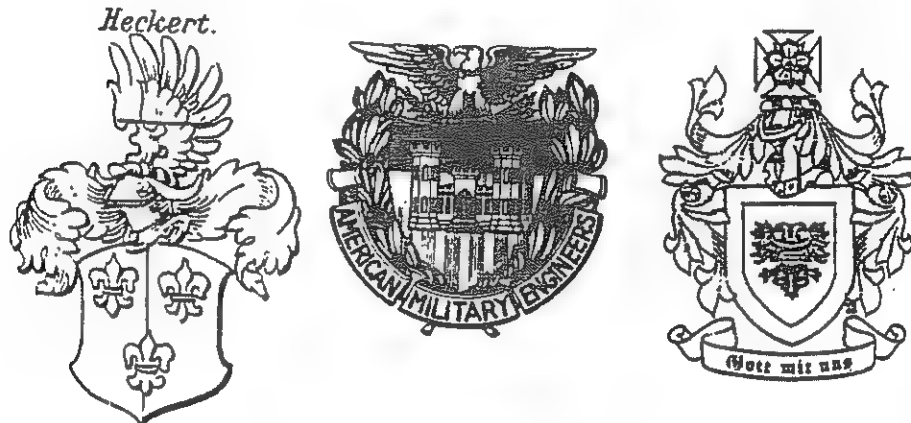
The 16 participating agencies reported total expenditures in Lewis County during their latest fiscal years in the amount of \$1,204,335.89. The allocation from the charitable trust was made on a ratable distribution among the charities, and the money represents net income of the trust set up under the will of the late Mr. Sprigg.

Announcement of the distribution was made by the Trust Committee of the board of directors of The Empire National Bank, consisting of Cecil B. Highland Jr., chairman, Melanie H. Squires, secretary, and William W. Simpson, a director of the bank.

## HERALDRY

Anyone interested in Heraldry, Heraldic representation, or a family Coat of Arms, may contact Charles W. Heckert, Rt. 4, Box 625B, Buckhannon, WV 26201, for further information.

Charlie is a Captain of Arms, with The American College of Heraldry, University of Alabama, and also registered with the Department of National Education, Bureau of Heraldry, in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. He is also a Knight Hospitaller, in the international chivalric organization, of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.



CHEVALIER-CHARLES W. HECKERT, S.E.  
MEMBER OF  
ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM  
KNIGHTS HOSPITALIER  
(SOVEREIGN MILITARY CHRISTIAN ORDER INTERNATIONAL)



CHARLES W. HECKERT, P.E.  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER  
AND TECHNOLOGY

MEMBER  
THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS

**DONATIONS FOR CEMETERY CARE NEEDED**

Warm weather is approaching - and with warm weather comes growing grass and weeds - especially in our old cemeteries. HCPD cares for four local cemeteries - Morrison (burial place of John Hacker and other early settlers); Mitchell; Smith's Run; and the old Cozad. Anyone who cares to contribute to the expense of mowing these cemeteries may send their donations to HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378. Indicate that the donation is for the cemetery fund.

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HCPD member Brooks Melton, a trustee for the Jesse's Run Cemetery, is soliciting donations for the upkeep of that cemetery from anyone who has family buried there. Donations may be sent to him at: Rt 1 Box 132A, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

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Donations for John and Margaret Sleeth Hacker's new tombstone have been coming in. There is \$775 of the required \$1000. We still need \$225. If you are a descendant and haven't helped with this worthwhile project, now's the time to do so. We want to have the stone installed before the annual gathering in August.

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**NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE**

Condensed Volume I, II, & III, Hacker's Creek Journal  
Cemetery Book IV

We have condensed Vol. I, II & III of the Journal (1982-1984), removed all the "garbage" like ads, gathering notices, etc., and left the "meat" - all the genealogical information you are looking for - packed into a spiral bound book of 303 pages, plus index. Paul Pettit did the index, Matha Ryd retyped what needed retyped, and our printers did the rest. It's available, postpaid, \$30 per copy. That's a whopping big savings of more than half of what it would be buying each one separately.

Lewis County Cemetery Book II is also available at \$10 per copy. There's 182 pages, including an every name index.

Both books, together with all back issues and other items, by using the order form on the last page of this Journal. Send check or money order to: HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378. WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTS MUST PAY 6% SALES TAX.

### Penmanship and Genealogy

Do you have beautiful handwriting or chicken scratch? Will someone 75 years from now be able to read your notes or will they be grumbling about your penmanship?

One of the problems we run into is deciphering early penmanship. This is particularly true when using the census. Each one of us has developed our own style despite the method we were taught in school. This was true 100 years ago also.

But, it is possible to come to some general conclusions. The following examples are based on a study of the 1800 New York Census. These are not absolutes but guidelines to help make your census research more productive.

A	A A A A A A A A	
B	B B B B B B B B	b b
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E	E E E E E E E E	e e e
F	F F F F F F F F	f f
G	G G G G G G G G	g g g
H	H H H H H H H H	h h
I	I I I I I I I I	i i
J	J J J J J J J J	j j
K	K K K K K K K K	k k k
L	L L L L L L L L	l l
M	M M M M M M M M	m m
N	N N N N N N N N	n n
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Q	Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q	q q
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U	<i>U U U U U</i>	<i>uu</i>
V	<i>V V V V V V</i>	<i>vv</i>
W	<i>W W W W W W</i>	<i>ww</i>
X	<i>X</i>	<i>xx xx</i>
Y	<i>Y Y Y Y</i>	<i>yy</i>
Z	<i>Z Z Z Z</i>	<i>zz</i>

## BEWARE!

ss <i>ss</i>	sh <i>sh sh</i>	Th <i>th</i>	
ch → ck	ai → ea	ou → au	ie → ei
d → t	tt → ll	dd → tt	

Terminating e is often added.

Double consonants are often reduced to single.

Single consonants are often doubled.

Source: *New York In 1800, An Index To Federal Census Schedules of New York, With Other Aids To Research*; Edited by Phillip McMullin, Gendex; Corporation, Provo, Utah; 1971; pages ix and x.

Further Reading: *The Handwriting Of American Records For A Period Of 300 years* - E. Kay Kirkham, Genealogist; Everton Publishers, 1973

Both sources Available At: Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland Public Library, Cuyahoga County Library System

## Handwriting Contest

WHEN SEARCHING THE CENSUS — DID YOU  
NOTE CAREFULLY THE PLACE OF BIRTH?

<i>Ind</i> = INDIANA	<i>Ills.</i> = ILLINOIS
<i>Ind</i> = INDIANA	<i>Ill</i> = ILLINOIS
<i>P. A.</i> = PENNSYLVANIA	<i>Penna.</i> = PENNSYLVANIA
<i>Ky</i> = KENTUCKY	<i>Ky = Kyf</i> = KENTUCKY
<i>Va</i> = VIRGINIA	<i>Vir</i> = VIRGINIA
<i>Virg</i> = VIRGINIA	<i>Virg</i> = VIRGINIA
<i>Tenn</i> = TENNESSEE	<i>Tenn</i> = TENNESSEE
<i>Ia</i> = IOWA/INDIANA	<i>Ark</i> = ARKANSAS
<i>N.Y.</i> = NEW YORK	<i>Tenn</i> = TENNESSEE
<i>Mo</i> = MISSOURI	<i>N York</i> = NEW YORK
<i>Md</i> = MARYLAND	<i>N Jersey</i> = NEW JERSEY
<i>Texas</i> = TEXAS	<i>N. Hamp</i> = NEW HAMPSHIRE
<i>Mass</i> = MASSACHUSETTS	<i>Vermont</i> = VERMONT
<i>Delaware</i> = DELAWARE	<i>Unknow</i> = UNKNOWN

## More answers to the Handwriting Contest.

THAT LETTER "S", THE MOST VARIABLE  
AND TROUBLE SOME IN MANUSCRIPT —

Roop = ROSS	Rofs = ROSS
Proper = PROSEER	Sorrowz = SORROWS
Baprot = BASSET	Baß = BASS
lrop = CROSS	Mofs = MCSS
Papey = PASSEY	Douy Lap = DOUGLASS
<u>produsee</u> = PRODUCEE	
Chopon = CHOSEN	Chester = CHESTER
Toft = TEST	Besides = BESIDES
Sallerey = SALLEREY	En Sign = ENSIGN
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Claripa = CLARISSA	Cassidy = CASSIDY
Sufana = SUSANNA	Auguft = AUGUST
Map = MASSACHUSETTS	Missouri = MISSOURI
Mississippi = MISSISSIPPI	Ch = CHARLES
Tennese = TENNESSEE	



## SOME EARLY DEATHS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The following list of white traders killed by Indians in the Indian country is from the Native American collection of HCJ Assistant Editor David Armstrong. The original is in the papers of Colonel Henry Bouquet in England, copies of which were made by the WPA and are available at the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, Colson Hall, West Virginia University, Morgantown.

In the 1760's, the east was in control of the British as was the area around Detroit, but the Ohio country was still "no man's land." The list is especially interesting as it is original documentative evidence of deaths in an area outside of European domination.

(1763)

## A LIST OF TRADERS KILLED BY THE INDIANS

[B.M., Add. MSS 21655, f. 275, D.]

A list of the Different Persons Killed by the Different Nations of Indians Specifying the Number Where and by Whome Killed.

Lazarus Lowrey	in the Lower Shaney Town	by Wapthamy A Shaney
John Quigly	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
William Write	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
John Edny --	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
Patk Moran -	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
John Pharrell	Do - - - - -	by ye Faun a Shaney
John McCotter	Do - - - - -	by Sheepsfoot Do
Samuel Gist -	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
Patk Guin ---	Do - - - - -	- - - - -

Carryed forward

(1763)

Wm Lunehehan -	At the Falls of Hockhocking	by Dalaway Jack
Mark Curry ---	at Mouskingdom Island	by Do -----
John Graver --	Do - - - - -	by Do -----
Patk Neal ----	Do - - - - -	by Fecekimys Party
John Piles ---	below ye Cannoe place- -	- - - - -
William Woods	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
Joseph Stroud	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
One Other Hand	Do - - - - -	- - - - -
Antony Rorty	At ye Mouth of ye two	by Simon Girtys
	Creeks	Eldr Br
Thomas Wails	Do - - - - -	by Do Do
		Younger Br
William Patterson	Do- - - - -	by White Eyes Cousin

One Frenchman		Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	by Do	Do Brother
John Bard	----	at	Wills	Town	-	-	-	-	-	by Delaway Georges	Son.
John Robertson		at	ye	Mouth	of	Biver				by White Eyes's	Cousan
Patk Dunn	----	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	by Do	-----
John Campble	-	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
William Ives	-	in	Wills	Town	-	-	-	-	-	by the Long Spoon	
Thos Mitchel Junr		in	Waketomica	-	-	-	-	-	-		
John Price	---	in	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
James Morgan	-	in	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Edmond Matthews		in	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Matthew McCrea		at	ye	Salt	Licks	on	Siota				
Wm McGuire	---	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Edwd Santladger		at	Guiahaga	or	Salt	Licks				by Capt Johney	
McFarelton		at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	by Ben Dickison	
Thos Ormsby	--	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	by Do	-----
John Tool	----	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
One Other Man	-										
John Calhoon	--	at	Bever	Creek	-	-	-	-	-	by the Turtle	Heart
Aaron Skyhawk	-	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Thos Coplin	---	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-	by the Turtle	Heart
Abram Hendricks		at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Richard Askin	-	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Alexdr McClure		at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
James Givens	--	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Alexdr Macklewean		at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Jno Dierwood	--	at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Saml Pearsefield		at	Do	-	-	-	-	-	-		

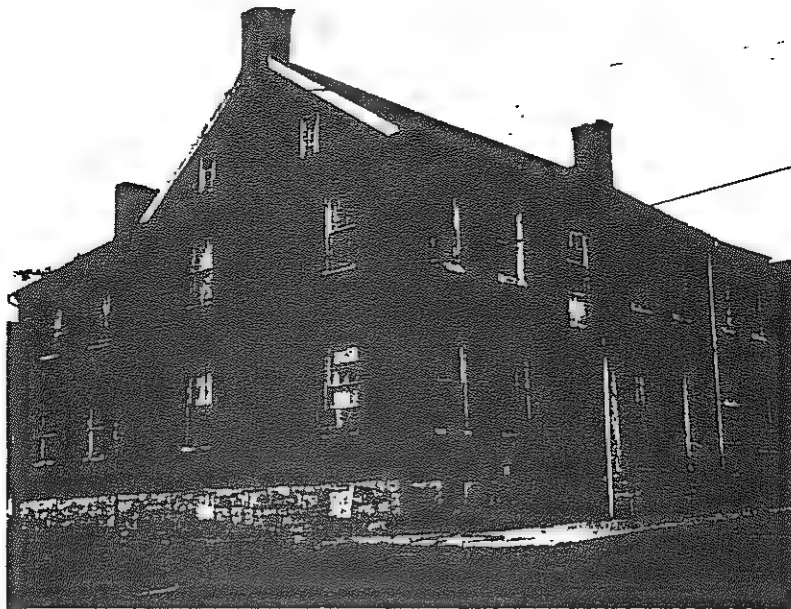
[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting]      Traders  
killed by the Savages

[illegible]

**ANNA GRACE DEHAVEN**

submitted by Kenneth L. Marple  
HCPD member

Anna Grace will be remembered for her poetic efforts at the Annual Gathering and her genuine interest in the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. She passed away 19 July 1992. Many may not know of her involvement in another society. Anna Grace was very much involved in the Berkeley County Historical Society. I am also a member of that society. We have worked together on various historical tours in the Winchester, VA, and Berkeley County, WV, areas. Many people are making contributions in her name to the Belle Boyd House Fund. Belle Boyd is West Virginia's most



**The Belle Boyd House.**

outstanding woman and a Civil War hero. In 1853 the Belle Boyd House was built by Belle's father. The Berkeley County Historical Society has undertaken the task of restoring the Belle Boyd House and has established a fund for that purpose. Any friends of Anna Grace Dehaven may make a contribution by sending a check to the Belle Boyd House Fund in her memory. Contributions should be mailed to Berkeley County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1624, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

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**REGISTER OF CONFEDERATE DEAD AT CAMP CHASE,  
CONFEDERATE ARMY CEMETERY, COLUMBUS, OHIO**  
as recorded by Mrs. Phillip Peton and  
copied by Charles Gilchrist in the  
Ohio State Historical Society Library, Columbus, OH

Nathaniel Barnes, a citizen of Harrison Co, VA; d 23 Jun 1863. Grave marker #779. Row 22, grave 23.

Samuel Elliott of Barbour Co, VA; d 16 Jun 1863.

Benjamin Kittle, Pvt., a Virginia citizen; d 5 Aug 1864. Grave marker #193. Row 8, Grave 15.

Evan Butcher, Pvt., Co. B, 46th Bn, Virginia Cavalry; d 3 Jan 1865. Grave marker #700. Row 20, grave 28.

**WAPELLO, IOWA, NEWS ITEM ABOUT A. HURST**  
submitted by Connie Street

Every time we come to West Virginia to do research, we are asked what family we were researching. One of the surnames is Hurst. Everyone has told us the same story with Benny Mitchell being the first to relate it: "There are TWO separate Hurst families, one of them had a son named Abednigo, who went west and was never heard from again."

This is not the Hurst family we were researching, but we decided to see what we could do, out of curiosity. We found A. Hurst in the 1860 Louisa County, Iowa, census index. My husband, Keith, went to work and found land, birth, and marriage records for "A" Hurst (he must have hated his name).

We found, through a county history, that "A" and part of his family had moved on to Kansas. Since this was not MY family, we did not pursue it.

One day Keith came home from doing some research in some old Louisa County newspapers. He had found this article in the 6 September 1888 issue of the Wapello Republican.

"M. S. McGrew received a dispatch from Holton, Kansas last Friday evening, that his father-in-law, A. Hurst, had been killed that morning, but it gave no particulars. Most probably at a fair. Mr. Hurst lived in Grandview township in this county for many years and is well remembered by old citizens.

"Later it was learned by letter that Mr. Hurst was killed by a stallion in the stable. He was found dead in the stall with the currying tools in his hand. The animal was quiet and death was probably the result of an accident."

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**LOCAL NOTICES FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE**  
**RICHMOND, 1785**

23 July 1785:

"By a Gentleman, immediately from Harrison, we are informed, that on the 29th of last month, seven men were surprised at the Great Kanawha by a small party of Indians (headed by one Simon Girty, a white man) who killed and scalped five of the seven. Among the killed are Mr. John P. DuVal, Senator for the district of Monongalia and Ohio, and

Mr. Gallatin, a young French gentleman, who went from this City a few months ago, to that country."

The editor found this notice reprinted in The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 33, and called it to the attention of Robert B. Smith who is researching the DuVall family. His first question was, "Is it John Pierce or John Pope?"

It was determined that the paper was refering to John Pierce DuVal who served in the United States Senate and then moved to Mason County, WY, where he died in 1803.

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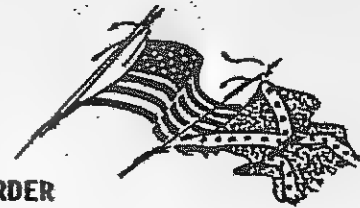
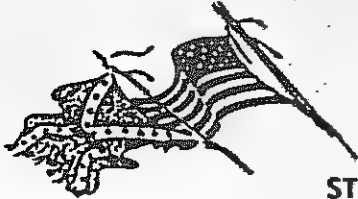
**STONEWALL JACKSON'S LAST ORDER**

This pencil sketch does not do justice to the print from an original oil painted by Randall Paul Newlon, son of Bob and Eva Newlon of Clarksburg, which is available from the artist. A numbered limited edition, the prints are being offered to HCPD members for \$65.00 each with a percentage of the sales going to the HCPD Endowment Fund.

Randy says his artistic ability is a gift. He first started drawing at age six. A graduate of Glenville College, Glenville, West Virginia, he is employed by C & G Transmission Company as an artist.

The moving story of this print will be found on the next page.

To order send \$65.00 (West Virginia residents include \$3.90 sales tax) to Randall Paul Newlon, 118 Rebrook Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301. If you desire a specific number of the 500 printed, please specify. Prints will be shipped postpaid.



## STONEWALL JACKSON'S LAST ORDER

In May of 1863 Union General "Fighting" Joe Hooker managed to surround Lee's forces in the vicinity of Fredricksburg, VA and planned to attack from the rear. Lee left a small force in place as a diversion and ordered Jackson with 30,000 men down a small country road across the entire Union front at Chancellorsville.

Small bands of skirmishes and cavalry attacks from J.E.B. Stuart disguised Jackson's movements to the west and around Hookers right flank.

Two hours before dusk, Jackson's men struck the exposed flank while Hookers men made camp and were totally unprepared. Unable to organize any opposition the Union forces fell back in a frantic retreat.

Sizing up an opportunity for a rare night attack, Jackson and some twenty men rode out beyond their lines, unknown to elements of General W. Dorsey Pender's North Carolina brigade. After inspecting the front, Jackson was chased back to his lines by Union soldiers. As he and his men rode back through the woods, the North Carolina soldiers mistook them for a Union Cavalry attack and fired upon them. Jackson received three shots from the volley at the same instant. One penetrated the palm of his right hand. The second passed through his left hand. The third stuck the left arm halfway from his shoulder to his elbow, shattering the artery. Frightened by the gun fire, Jackson's horse bolted through the thick brush causing Jackson's forehead to strike a limb resulting in another wound.

General Ambrose Powell Hill and Captain Richard Eggleston Wilbourne were the first to rush to Jackson's aid. Soon after, Captain Benjamin Watkins Leigh and Lieutenant James Power Smith arrived.

Smith cut Jackson's coat sleeve from wrist to shoulder and bound the arm with his handkerchief to stop the bleeding. Leigh went to get a litter and to find General Pender.

Shortly after this point, Lieutenant Joseph Graham Morrison rode up to press the moving of the General, due to Federal soldiers being in close proximity which could result in their capture.

As they stood Jackson up and walked just a few steps, artillery from the Federals opened up. After Jackson was placed on the litter, the group began to move the general toward the road. With the artillery increasing now, one man carrying the litter took a round and fell but the litter was caught by Leigh. Due to heavy artillery fire at the road, they all ran for cover except Smith who stayed with the General. As the artillery ceased, Lieutenants Smith and Morrison helped the General to his feet and supported him as they walked him off the road, now crowded with men, and into the woods. This is where General Pender approached the wounded Jackson and said "Ah General I am sorry you have been wounded. The lines here are so much broken that I fear we will have to fall back."

On this May 2nd, 1863, Jackson greatly exhausted and fainting raised his head with fire in his eyes and said, **"You must hold your ground, General Pender! You must hold your ground, sir!"**

Jackson was taken then to an ambulance and on to the field hospital near Dowdell's Tavern. Jackson's arm was amputated near the shoulder and a ball taken from the right hand.

On May 10th, suffering from pneumonia, General Thomas Jonathan Jackson died.



**A PATRIARCHAL GATHERING  
REUNION OF THE FAMILY OF GEORGE SMITH, ESQ.**

(Weston Democrat, Saturday, 21 Jul 1877)

submitted by DaCosta Smith

- A Few Items of Local History - It was the fortune of the writer, on Saturday afternoon last [presumably July 14, 1877], in company with Squire Woofter, to witness one of the most notable and pleasant gatherings known to our country -- the assemblage of the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other relatives of George Smith, Esq., of Smith's Run, in this county. The occasion was the old gentleman's 79th birthday, and heaven itself, as well as the happy faces of relatives, seemed to smile upon the family reunion. We can't say how many were present: to count them would have been impossible. A long table, capable of seating about 50 persons, had been set out in the orchard, and at the appointed hour, "Uncle George" and his estimable wife led off the procession, and taking their seats at the head of the table, were followed by other members of the family, according to age. The scene reminded us of the Spiritual illustration of the old Patriarchs gathering to them all their household, and thanking God for his favors. The dinner was a triumph of culinary skill, and we here aver that no better cooks can be found than those who officiated on that occasion.

After dinner, we wandered off into a quiet corner with Mr. Smith and learned many incidents of interest in relation to the early history of our county. Mark Smith, the father of "Uncle George," was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and had the honor of being one of the number who served in the campaign under Washington, which ended in the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, and the complete establishment of American independence. After the war, he settled in what is now Pendleton County, on the waters of one of the forks of the South Branch of the Potomac. In the year 1804, when the tide of emigration began to reach westward, Mark Smith moved with his family to Harrison (now Lewis) County, bringing with him his wife, seven sons and one daughter. The names of the children will be familiar to all of our older citizens: They were Jacob, Elizabeth (who married John Peterson, Esq.), John, Henry, Peter, Martin, George and Abram. Peter Smith was one of our representatives in the War of 1812, which struggle is well remembered by George Smith, who is now the only surviving one of the number who came west.

Mark Smith, on arriving in this county, located at first near where Jackson's Mills now are, but only remained there one winter. In 1805, after an examination of the lands on Smith's Run (then called Schoolcraft's Run), he determined to purchase land there, which he did, and in the fall of that year, he built the house now occupied by Edgar Wilson Smith, Esq. Subsequently, as the "boys" began to grow up, he added to his possessions, until he and his

family owned nearly all the lands in that vicinity. In 1805, there was but one house between Mr. Smith's clearing and the Flesher lands opposite Weston. Our town was then not dreamed of, and its location was then a thriftless piece of swampy ground. Roads were things hoped for but not seen, and Mr. Smith had to cut a way with axes through the woods to the place he had fixed upon for his dwelling.

In 1820, "Uncle George" was married to Mary Flesher, sister of Henry Flesher, Esq., who resides near Weston, and by her had three children: Lias G., Alcinda and William L. She died in 1826, and afterwards he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bonnett, who is still living,. By his second wife, he had ten children, as follows: Amanda, Ruhama, Calvin W., Elvira, Hanson H., Harriet K., Samuel R., Weeden S., Adeline L. and Edwin L.; of this number ten are living, all of whom have children, and several of them have grandchildren. How many times "Uncle George" is a grandfather and great-grandfather is a harder sum in addition than we care about attempting, and all of them who are able to come annually pay the tribute of respect and veneration to the head of their family. He enjoys these gatherings, naturally enough, and regards them as the brightest moments of his life. He toiled hard from his boyhood, and now in his old age is free from debt, is possessed of a large property accumulated by honest labor, and has around him a family who number among the best and most respected citizens of our county.

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#### BENEAR OF VIRGINIA

Margie Ellis Howell has written 1387 pages, including an every-name index, in loose-leaf form on the Benear family of Virginia. Other spellings are Bynier, Bernere, Binear, Benneur. Also included are Burke, Ellis, Freeman, Hawley (Halley), Heflin, Hill, Hitt, Howell, Kemper, Smith, Swearingen, Cammack, Lutteral (Litteral), Mills, Mehorney (Maroney, McHenry), Ralls (Rawls), Randall, Riley, Risen (Rizen, Reason), Rowley, Shumate, Sinclair, Taylor, Tharp, and donzens of collateral families.

She has included copies of original wills and other court records, census records, and family and Bible records. There are photographs and maps.

It is a limited printing with no second printing. The price of \$88 includes tax and shipping. Send check or m.o. to Margie Ellis Howell, 306 Kimber Lane, Evansville, IN 47715.



**SOME NOTES ON THE SOUTH BRANCH**

submitted by Lena Byers

After the settlement of Jamestown in 1607, another century passed before Virginia west of the Blue Ridge could boast of one white settler.

Ca Ca Pon River, as it was called by the Indians, meaning "healing waters," meandered through an unbroken forest, untouched by axe or saw. The forest extended from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi River, unseen and almost unknown to all (white men) except a few Spanish or French explorers.

By the year 1720 settlers had pushed back the frontier and 28 new counties had been formed east of the Blue Ridge. Morgan Morgan, the first settler in what is now West Virginia, had located in 1727 near the present site of Martinsburg then in Spotsylvania County south of the Shenandoah River, which was then called Euphrates by the white settlers. This was the first penetration by settlers west of the Blue Ridge.

Orange County was formed from Spotsylvania in 1734 and in 1739 that part of Orange County west of the Blue Ridge was formed into two counties, Augusta and Frederick. In 1753 Hampshire County was formed from the western part of Frederick County; and, in 1786, Hardy County (named for Samuel Hardy, a statesman of the old Dominion) was formed from Hampshire, which explains why some of the old Oldaker deeds and records are found, some in Romney of Hampshire and some in Moorefield of Hardy County. And these lands lying within the borders of the Fairfax Proprietary explains the grants coming through the Fairfax land offices and the surveys being made by George Washington.

In 1736 upon hearing glowing accounts of the territory in Capon and South Branch (Potomac) Valleys from the Howard, Coburn, Walker, and Rutledge families who had settled in 1727 to 1735, perhaps near the present site of and south of Romney, Lord Fairfax ordered a survey of his boundaries and soon began to issue 99-year leases at the rate of \$33.33 per 100 acres or sell the land outright for 33 cents per acre. In 1747-50, George Washington surveyed over 300 tracts of land in what is now Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral counties - then all included in the Proprietary.

Much of the land in Capon Valley was laid off at this time to suit purchasers. These farms sold rapidly and within a period of 40 years the population of Hardy County was over 3,000.

Many early settlers had taken up lands and built their homes upon them before the lands had been surveyed. They did not know and perhaps did not care to whom the land belonged and had paid nothing for it. Some refused to pay any form of rent, as it is related how one Schult being

solicited for quit rents by Mr. Marshall reached for the old musket he had used at the storming of Quebec and told the collector "now you git out o' here in double quick"; and, the collector stepped lively too. At the home of William Ball, he fared no better for Old Man Ball grasped his sword and flashed it around his head several times, then informed the collector that General Morgan had seen him use that sword, but "I'll use it now when he don't see it, if you come fooling around here."

The earliest definite date on the subject of Capon Valley is: "George Washington surveyed land in this valley for William Warden in 1749."

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In the early days of settlement in Capon Valley, a certain Hughs family took up a large tract of land a mile or so north of where the town of Wardensville now stands. The will of Susan Hughs proved in 1791 at Moorefield of Hardy County names her children as William, James, Hugh, Jonathan, Evan (?), Mary, and Hannah. Her husbaand, deceased before Hardy County was formed and name not given, was doubtless one of the very first settlers in Capon Valley. They were neighbors to Henry Oldaker whose lands were contiguous to Hughs and south of them on Capon River. It may be that the families were related. John Hughes erected a grist mill on Hugh' (now Moore's) Run, a mile or more from where it emptied into Capon River. That location would place the mill on what is now known as the Moore place and owend by J. V. Warden. The grist mill, hand-made, consisted of a log structure, set of hand-made burr stones hooked to a waterwheel, a few bins and wooden spouts, a buckskin sifter made from buckskin with holes burned in it with a red-hot wire. These and a few more gadgets were all of the machinery this mill could boast of. It was a crude affair with wooden spouts to carry the grain from a bin to the grinding stones. One of these spouts was located on the outside of the building for some unknown reason. On one occasion, with the mill in full operation, it failed to produce any meal or flour; and, after a through inspection, the trouble was discovered. Some woodpeckers had perched on this spout and hearing the grain trickle down inside, thought it was bugs or beetles. The birds had pecked a hole in the spout and were eating the grain as it came down past. It is said that Mr. Hughs would fight at the mere mention of this episode; and, we wonder if it were not one of those Oldaker boys who first related or concocted the story and provoked the worthy miller to wrath.

It is noted that Heinrich Frye was born in Germany in 1724 and Joseph PUGH in 1725. Both came to Capon Valley as young men. Putting the age of a young man at 22, they arrived in Capon Valley about 1746. But a number of settlers were in Capon Valley before them.

It is noted that John, Thomas, James, and Hugh Hughs took up a large tract of land in Capon Valley, a mile or so north of the present site of Wardensville on Hughs Run, some years before the start of the French and Indian Wars in 1754. This is an INDEFINITE DATE BUT Hughs Run was named for Hughs who antedated Henry Oldaker Sr. whose deed in 1761 names Hughs Run. We figure that Hughs, Wardens, Fryes, and Pughs, and Oldakers were in present Hardy County by 1746 -- some of them probably some years before.

The Frys were from Germany. Coming into Philadelphia, they fanned out over Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. One Johnson Fry was prominent in that little empire called the Fairfax Proprietary. Charting the bounds of Lord Fairfax's domain by his Fry-Jefferson map is today a valuable authentic reference tool for historians. Johnson Fry was prominent as a magistrate at early Orange Court, to which jurisdiction the Hughs, Harrises, Frys, Oldakers, and Borden of later Hampshire county were subject.

Our four times great grandmother, Elinor Borden, was from New Jersey, whence came a certain Benjamin Borden, a land agent for Fairfax, to take up 100,000 acres of Virginia land in and adjacent to Hampshire County. He was also a dissenting Quaker who was rewarded by the justice to the gaol at Orange with wife and daughter "for certain libelous statements against the Holy Order of Babbism." A fine portrait of Joshua Fry hangs on the wall in the entrance hall of Orange Courthouse.

Henrich Fry, born in Germany in 1724, bought up a large acreage from the Hughs brothers in Capon River and Hughs Run in Hampshire County, adjoining the lands of Henry Oldaker Sr. There was at that time, a cluster of Hughs, Frys, Oldakers, and Harrises at the site of present Wardensville, WV, in Hardy County. Some Fry descendants are yet in Wardensville, some Hughs also, who by past marriages, lost their identity.

Thomas Hughs moved to Harrison County (now W. Va.), built his cabin on Hacker's Creek where Abraham Oldaker also moved from Fauquier and built his cabin. But the Indians killed Thomas Hughes. However, his son, Elias Hughs, stepped into the gap made by the death of his father and enlisted at Clarksburg, WV, to serve against the Indians. In 1774 he was with General Lewis in the Battle of Point Pleasant (he was said to have been the last survivor of that battle). As Captain Hughs, he built Fort Nutter, Virginia, which is now Nutter Fort, WV, near Clarksburg. He married Jane Sleeth and sired 16 children. He moved to Licking

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**HACKER'S CREEK IN THE HARRISON COUNTY, W.-VA.,  
COURT MINUTES 1784-1810**

Compiled by Hartzel G. Strader - 1983

Editor's Note: In this issue we begin the publication of abstracts from the Harrison County Court Minutes. This will continue as a regular feature through the next several volumes. If you are unable to wait for them all, there is a copy of his 71 pages in the HCPD Library. They are unindexed. Original spelling has been used.

The Harrison County, W. Va., Court Minutes were searched page by page, abstracting the names of individuals living in the region of what is now Hacker's Creek, Lewis County, W. Va., since the formation of Harrison County in 1784 to the first recorded census in the year 1810. These records have interesting facts of our ancestors being appointed as road surveyors, guardian appointments, land deed transfers, and welfare cases. As farm boundary lines were often not clearly defined, an individual would bring suit against his neighbor in order to clear a title.

pg 1 20 July 1784

Be it remembered that at the house of George Jackson on Buckhannon River the 20th day of July 1784 a commission of the Peace and Ternimer of the said county directed to John Duvall, Benj. Wilson, Wm. Lowther, James Anderson, Henry Delay, Nick. Carpenter, Wm. Robinson, John Powers, Thomas Chaney, Jacob Westfall, Salathiel Goff and Patrick Hamilton was proven and read and thereupon the oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth was adminsered by Benj. Wilson gent. to the said John P. Duvall and by him to the above named Justices and also oath of office as directed by law.

Wm. Lowther Gent produced a Commision from his Excellency the Governor bearing date the 14th day of June last part which was opened and thereupon the said Wm. Lowther Gent having first entered into bond with George Jackson, Benjn. Wilson his securities for his due and just performance to the Commonwealth of the office as directed by law to take the oath of allegiance (? sheriff office).

pg 2 20 July 1784

Ordered that a former order of Monongalia county court in these words, ordered that the road from Richards fort. extended by Edmund Wests Mill to John Hackers the nearest and best way, Nicholas Carpenter, Isaac Richards and David Sleeth be appointed to view and lay out the said road and make report to the next court to be held for this county is hereby reviewed.

Ordered that James Anderson and Nicholas Carpenter jun be recommended as proper persons to be recommended to his

Excellency the governor to fill the office of coronor.

pg 5 20 July 1784

That John Runyan be appointed constable and to appear at next court to swear into office.

Ordered that the clerk do issue a summons in behalf of John Hacker against Elijah Staats and to show cause why he detained said Hacker of his landed rights.

pg 8 3rd Tuesday August 1784

Jonathan Cobun plaintiff vs Jesse Hughs defendant - petition

Alexander West plaintiff vs Matthew Nutter defendant - slander

pg 12 3rd Tues Sept 1784

Joel Lowther plaintiff vs John Hacker defendant - slander, Thomas Hughes enters special bail for the defendant.

A new commission for the county was produced in addition to those already commissioned directed to George Jackson, John Sleeth, John Wilson, Cornelius Westfall, John Goodwin, Edward Jackson, and John Prunty who took the oath of Alegiance to this Commonwealth and the oath of office according to law.

pg 13 3rd Tuesday Sept 1784

That in consequence of a report of certain (?) who were appointed viewers of a way for a road from Richard's fort by West Mill to Jno. Hackers do report that a good road may be made with ordanary laborer from Richard's fort to John Hackers and will be of advantage to the inhabitants and do order that John Hacker be appointed surveyor of said road and the tithables above Loss Creek and Little Bufflo is directed to aid in making said road and to keep the same in good repair.

That Edmond West and Moses Hustage be appointed constable and do swear into office.

John Wilson in behalf of Anthony Huston plt. agt. Thos. Wilmoth deft. the above suit ruld to November court.

pg 14 3rd Tuesday Sept 1784

Isaace Edward an ordained minister of the gospel and John Sleeth layman appear in court and took the oath of Alegiance to this Commonwealth and the clerk is directed to grant them a license to celebrate the rights of marriage in this county according to law.

pg 15 3rd Tuesday Sept 1784

That Ebenezer Petty, John Yocum, Peter Casety and Jacob Stalnaker Sinor, or any three of them they being first sworn

do view a way for a road from the Mill Bridge opposite to George Westfalls Mill to Darby Conolys place and report the conviences and inconviences to the next court.

On the motion of Mary Heagle that Michael Heagle dec'd died without a Will. She is admitted administrix of said dec'd estate and entered into bond and took the oath prescribed by law.

pg 16 22 Sept 1784

Commissioners present: James Anderson, Nicholas Carpenter, Jacob Westfall, Salathiel Goff, George Jackson, John Wilson and John Sleeth gent. justices.

John McCally gent. took the oath of Alegiance to the Commonwealth and the oath of office as a justice of peace.

pg 17 22 Sept 1784

On the motion of William Lowther high sheriff, James Westfall took the oath of office and is admitted his under sheriff.

That William Cottraill an orphan child be bound to Alexander West and that said West is to give him eighteen months schooling in a line of a trade.

pg 17 22 Sept 1784

By a former order of court directing the sheriff to summons a jury to inquire into a dispute between John Hacker and Elijah State respecting the bounds of land disputed between them. A jury has summons accordingly and reports to contain these words Towit. It is the opinion of the jury that Elijah States defendant claiimes of land is good and his property agreeable to States lines now running, signed by us John McCalley, Christopher Carpenter, John Runyon, John Cain, Thomas Read, Jonathan Cobun, Alexander West, Edmond West, Joseph Cantor, Henry Runyon and Thos. Richards the jury. In consequence of which judgment the court grants the land to said Stats accordingly and the plantive in mercy.

pg 18 22 Sept 1784

John Heagle plt. agts John Sleeth junior deft. - attn. David Sleeth was summoned on a garnashee and appeared in court and made oath that he hath not any of the estate of Jno. Sleeth junior in his hand.

Alexander West plft. agt. Mathew Nuter deft. - slander. The plantive appeared in court and prayed the suit to be dismissed and the deft. agrees to pay cost.

pg 20 22 Sept 1784

That George Bush, Henry Fink Senior, John Jackson senior, and Edward Jackson or any three of them they being first

sworn do appraise the estate of Michael Heagle dec'd and slaves if any and return the same to next court.

pg 24 3rd Tues Nov 1784

Ordered that Hezakiah Davisson and John Haymond Gent. be appointed commissioners to examine the ability of Jonathana Cobun, William Walden and James Taaff testing their capacity to fill the office of deputy surveyor.

pg 26 3rd Tues Nov 1784

John Wolf plt. vs John Schoolcraft deft. - debt - the suit further continued.

pg 30 17 Nov 1784

Present: James Anderson, John Powers, Thomas Cheney, John Sleeth, John Goodwin, John McCalley and Benjamin Robinson gent. justices.

Thomas McCann personally appeared in court together with John Goodwin and acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth the sum of one hundred pounds for said Thomas McCann, good behavior towards (? Ehratuhi) Stout and the other good citizens of this Commonwealth for one year and a day from the date of this court.

pg 31 17 Nov 1784

Ordered that the clerk (? direct a summons for) gent. justices of this county to examine Anderson Skidmore, John Yocum, Valentine Stalnaker, Anthony Cheustur and Peter Shaver garnshees and their depositions to return to next court.

pg 32 17 Nov 1784

John Wilson for Anthony Huston plt. vs Thos. Wilmoth deft. - trusspass, the parties appeared in court and then came a jury to wit: Benj. Jones foreman, Evan Thomas, William Smith, James Tanner, William Ratcliff, Jno. Ratcliff, Jas. Hastings and H. Davisson, Joel Lowther, Isaac Richards, Geo. Richards, Joseph Friend---(crossed out) verdict for plt., damages 5 pounds 15 shillings

John Wolf plt. vs John Schoolcraft deft.- debt; the plaintiff appeared in court and pray the above suit to be dismissed at his proper charges.

pg 38 18 Nov 1784

That Jacob Stalnaker senior be appointed surveyor of the highway from Jacob Westfall's Mill to Alex. Maxwell old place and the tithables from said Westfalls to said Maxwell old place is to clear an opening and keep the said road in good repair.

pg 39 17 Nov 1784

On the motion of William Ratcliff, ordered that the clerk issue a summons to cite Sariah Straten to appear at next court to show cause why he detains the complainant from his right of property of a certain piece of land.

On the motion of David Davisson that Thomas Read detained him from the right of possession of a certain piece of land. Ordered by court that the clerk issue a summons to cite said Thomas Read to appear at next court to answer the complainant.

The John Sleeth Senior be exempted from the payment of all personal taxes and laboring on the highway, also same for Henry Flesher.

pg 41 21 Dec 1784

Daniel Davisson vs. Thomas Reed - ordered that the sheriff summons a jury to appear on the land in dispute between the parties and that the sheriff report their verdict to next court.

That Joil Lowther be bound an apprentice to Thos. Beckley till he is of the age of 21 years.

pg 42 21 Dec 1784

On the motion of Jonathan Cobun, ordered that Matthew Richards appear at next court to show cause why her children should not be bound by the court on said motion.

To be continued in the next issue.

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**DISENFRANCHISEMENT**

by Richard E. McCauley

The Civil War was a harsh and cruel time for the people of western Virginia. It pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor, and even divided the state. The end of the war, however, did not end the hostilities for the residents of Lewis County.

On 4 October 1869 notice was given that the Lewis County Registration Board was to open sessions concerning charges that certain residents were or had been sympathetic to the Confederate States. All that was required for an individual to be charged was for someone to "think" that the person was a sympathizer with the South. It was up to the person charged with this crime to prove his innocence. However, the Registration Board could disallow any or all testimony that it wanted. If you were found guilty, you lost all civil rights. You were not considered a citizen of the state. There was no appeal to any court over the decision of this appointed board.

The three members of this board were: James M. Corley; his son-in-law, James Coonrod; and Dr. W. H. Hall. Shortly after the hearings started, Dr. Hall resigned. He declared that his conscience and the oath he had taken would not allow him to be a part of this travesty of justice.

When the notices were sent to the individuals charged, they were told that they would need two witnesses to testify on their behalf; however, once the hearings began, they were notified that they had to have four witnesses and not time would be allowed to obtain additional witnesses.

Those charged are listed below. A \* by the name indicates that they were found guilty.

John G. Arnold  
Joseph Bennett\*  
Marcellus Bennett  
Stewart Blake\*  
Evan Cooper\*  
Salathiel Craig\*  
Robert Crawford\*  
Z. Curtis  
Martin Fox  
Nimrod B. Foster  
William F. Heeter\*  
George A. Hoover  
P. A. Lorentz  
Henry McCally\*  
J. W. D. McCutchin  
Joseph Mitchell\*  
T. S. Posey\*  
J. S. Riffle\*  
Thomas Scott\*  
Alexander Skinner\*  
G. B. Skinner\*

Philip E. Barb\*  
Joseph D(avid) Bennett\*  
Anthony R. Blake\*  
W. A. Blake\*  
J. A. Craig\*  
W. W. Craig\*  
G. D. Curtis  
Minter B. Dennison  
Walter Fox  
Joseph Hall\*  
James M. Heflin\*  
Jonathan Lewis\*  
J. C. Jenkins  
R. B. McCutchin  
Benoni Mitchell  
Samuel Posey\*  
E. Riffle\*  
H. H. Rittenhouse\*  
John Sims\*  
D. J. Skinner  
Joseph B. Wallace\*

All those found guilty were from Collins Settlement District.

Each case and each individual is a story of its own. One such story appeared in the Weston Democrat on 1 Nov 1869.

#### How To Make Emigrants

"The hardest case of disenfranchisement, under Corley's administration, we believe, is that of Henry McCally Esq. Long before the formation of Lewis County, this gentleman moved to what is now Battelle Township, where he has resided for 68 years. He is now 80 years of age and is of course very feeble and is in bad health. His character is unblemished, and in the community he stands as high as a man can, yet the infamous rascals knowing that it was physically impossible for him to travel notified him with the rest of his neighbors and by not appearing his name was stricken off.

"In a recent conversation, the old man said that he now intended 'to go to Kentucky, where two of my sons reside and seek a grave among strangers.' And so the poor old decrepit man whose once sprightly form is bowed beneath the weight of years -- whose hair has been whitened by the frost of eighty winters, is driving by the devilish malignity of one man to leave the cherished scenes of his childhood -- the well loved home of his manhood and the old hearthstone around which cling the memories of a long and well spent life, the graves of his kindred, and the land of his nativity and seek among strangers that freedom which is here denied. This is but one case -- of how the hands of Stevenson make emigrants."

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#### ERRATA

HCJ, Vol. XI, Iss. 1, p 20: Rebecca Bennett, b 1810 1/m John Fletcher and 2/m Wesley Holt, brother to Mathew Holt who m Abigail Collins Bennett. Wesley and Mat were brothers of Supreme Court Judge Homer A. Holt.

HCJ, Vol. XI, Iss. 1, p 24: Marion Cemetery is in Shelby County, Indiana, not Shelby County, Ohio.

- Submitted by Jan Cosgrove

**MILITARY PRISON RECORDS - CAMP CHASE, COLUMBUS, OHIO:  
SOME WEST VIRGINIANS HELD THERE**

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Ohio State Historical Society Library

Jacob A. Thombery; private; carpenter; captured 21 Sep 1861  
in Harrison Co, VA  
Soloman Ganod, farmer; captured 3 Oct 1861 in  
Barbour Co, VA  
George Richards, farmer; captured 22 Sep 1861 in Harrison  
Co, VA  
John S. Robertson, farmer, and Dennis Bonner, farmer; both  
captured 17 Sep 1861 in Harrison Co, VA  
William F. Long, citizen; arrested 30 Aug 1861, Buckhannon,  
VA  
William J. Bradshaw, a citizen of Lewis Co and farmer;  
arrested 18 Sep 1862  
David Carper, 21 Feb 1862, Lewis County, VA  
Joseph McCartney, 21 Feb 1862, Lewis County, VA  
Adoniam Sutton, a citizen and farmer, 28 Dec 1861,  
Barbour Co, VA  
David Hickey, pvt, Newton Courtney, a farmer, and Joseph  
Courtney, a farmer, were arrested by Maj. Buckner on  
27 Oct 1861 in Harrison Co, VA.  
Frances Connelly, farmer, arrested by Gen. Rosencrans on  
13 Dec 1861 in Gilmer Co, VA. Arrived Camp Chase 19 Dec  
1861.  
Alex Ford, arrived 26 Feb 1862, from Gilmer Co, a farmer.  
Discharged 16 Apr 1862 by order Gov. Todd of Ohio.  
Conrad Kuhl, of Gilmer Co, 14 May 1862.  
Martin Blackburn of the "Moccasin Rangers" from Marion Co,  
VA arrived Camp Chase 13 May 1862.  
F. McCray of Marion Co, VA, arrived camp 13 May 1862.  
John F. Knight "in army", from Taylor Co, VA, arrived  
13 May 1862.  
Jeff B. West, from Harrison Co, VA, arrived 13 May 1862

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**EVELYN SMITH LYNCH, CHARTER MEMBER, DIES**

Evelyn Smith Lynch, a charter member of HCPD, died on 29 January 1993 at her home in Conneaut, Ohio, of pneumonia. She was born on 2 January 1908, the daughter of Elmer & Ethel Kelly Smith in Cowen, W.Va.. She married Hiram Lynch, who survives her along with two sons, Hiram Jr. and Edmond R. and one brother, Robert H. Smith and one sister, Betty Jo Smith. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Jr. and Hugh E. Smith.

She is interred in the Bridgeport Cemetery, Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Evelyn had spent several decades researching her family lines, particularly those of David Smith and John Hacker families.

**RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**  
**CHRISTIAN CHARITY - BROTHERLY LOVE**  
(Weston Democrat - Monday, May 17, 1869)  
submitted by Earl Byrd

A short time ago, John Bird Esq., an old and respected citizen of the county, died at his residence in Batelle Township. He had many years ago, come to this county from Highland County, Va., where he was connected with the most wealthy and influential families - his brother having served several times represented that county in the Legislature at Richmond. He purchased a farm and soon endeared himself to his neighbors by his kindly and Christian virtues - being a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He was appointed postmaster which position he held until his health compelled him to resign.

After his death his family informed his friends in Va. of the sad occurrence, and the Rev. Mr. Pullins under whose administration Mr. Bird was converted, as a matter of friendship to the deceased, came from Highland to preach his funeral sermon. The news was sent through the neighborhood, and at the appointed time two or three hundred people had gathered together at Heading Chapel to listen to the sermon.

Mr. Pullins arrived but found the church doors closed, and was informed by two of the trustees (Both loyal) that they could not allow their church to be desecrated by having the funeral rites or solemnities of a rebel preached in their pulpit, and refused to allow him to perform the last service of his dead friend, which he had traveled so far to do. The people were therefore dismissed until the next Sabbath, when they again met with no other covering save that provided by the good Father of all his creatures - the blue sky, and here they listened to the words of wisdom as they fell from the lips that were long since touched with fire from off the altar, and as the minister became lost in the friend, and he dwelt in beautiful language on the virtues of the deceased, but few eyes were dry and few hearts untouched.

We did not intend to call particular attention to the two trustees who refused under the circumstances we have stated, the use of their church for the funeral service of their neighbor, but we do think it necessary. When men pretending to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, who profess to love their neighbors as themselves, so totally disregard the teachings of Him whom they worship as to allow their political feeling to interfere with their Christian duty, we think for the sake of religion, for the sake of humanity, and for sweet charity's sake, it should be passed by as quickly as possible.

The persons refusing this sad service in a house built  
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**THE BRAKE INDIAN MASSACRE AND THE FIRST MRS. BRAKE**

by David Armstrong

Among the many pioneer families well known in the early border history of West Virginia is the family named Brake, whose exploits in Revolutionary history have made them famous among persons interested in the study of the period, and who have many thousands of descendants throughout the nation and the world. Perhaps it is this same notoriety, however, that has caused some error and confusion to creep into the written history of the Brake family, and it is hoped that the following material will help sort out these errors and confusion, and give us a clearer picture of the history of our Brake antecedents. What follows will attempt to deal specifically with the marriages and Indian difficulties of Jacob Brake (ca 1725-1809) of the South Branch River in Hardy County and his son, Jacob, Jr., "the captive."

The traditional history of South Branch Jacob is approximately as follows: Jacob Brake was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Nyeswanan, and she had by him six children, and was then killed by Indians on the South Branch at her residence. Some sources have attempted to connect the killing of Mrs. Brake with the Battle of the Trough in 1756 or 1758, both dates appearing depending on which source one looks at. This is the traditional account. It has lately been asserted that the first Mrs. Brake was an Indian, but this troublesome specter of genealogical erratum has arisen so recently that it is not part of the traditional narrative and will be dealt with separately at the end of this article.

The identity of the first Mrs. Brake, the number of her children, and her death at the hands of Native Americans is given in a letter written by Laura Jackson Arnold of Beverly, West Virginia, to George Jackson in 1867, and published by David Edwards.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Arnold had apparently been visiting the Buckhannon River area doing research on her family history and had encountered 80-year-old Abram W. Brake, son of Jacob "the captive." It was from him that she acquired the above information. An examination of the documentation, however, will show us that Mr. Brake's memory was somewhat confused and that the first wife of Jacob Brake of the South Branch was, in fact, Elizabeth Cooper of Frederick County, Virginia.

That Mr. Brake's memory was not perfect has been demonstrated by Linda Meyers, a Jackson and Brake descendant

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<sup>1</sup>Edward, David. The Brake Family: A Family, A Tradition, A Contribution, A Legacy.

of Byron, Illinois. Mrs. Meyers has completed years of research on her Jackson and Brake ancestors and tells us that the Jackson information given to Mrs. Arnold by Mr. Brake and published in the same document was somewhat confused as to names and relationships. When speaking of the first Mrs. Brake, he was attempting to give information on someone who had died several years before his birth and on persons in the family two generations older than himself. And since anyone with much experience in genealogical research knows that oral recollections cannot be taken as hard evidence without supporting documentation, it is hoped that the following documentation will point out the error of Mr. Brake's statement, as well as clarify the source of his confusion.

The earliest hard documentation of the first wife of South Branch Jacob Brake known to this writer is the will and probate record of Jacob Cooper of Frederick County, Virginia, written before the family moved across the mountains into what is now West Virginia.<sup>2</sup> The will, written 7 August 1758, names daughters Magdalen and Elizabeth without surnames and, in fact, appoints them executors of the estate. The probate record attached to the will, dated 6 September 1758, names the executors as Magdalen Nicewanger and Elizabeth Brake. This will show that Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Cooper, had married a man named Brake at least by September of 1758. So what Brake? This question is answered in a deed dated 7 September 1762 in which John Nicewanger and Magdalen his wife; and Jacob Brake and Elizabeth his wife make a deed for part of the Cooper lands.<sup>3</sup> This document will show that the Mr. Brake who married Elizabeth Cooper by 1758 was named Jacob. But is it the same Jacob Brake who came to West Virginia? Yes! The block style mark made by Jacob Brake on that document matches perfectly the mark made on several West Virginia documents by West Virginia Jacob Brake!<sup>4</sup>

So the above hard evidence will prove that West Virginia Jacob Brake had married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Cooper by 1758. But was she the first wife? Further analysis of Abram W. Brake's statement would show that she was. While we have shown that Mr. Brake's memory in his old age was not perfect and that his perspective when speaking of his grandmother was second hand, it would seem unfair to him to completely discount his narrative as useless, when it is to some extent supported by the evidence. He told us in

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<sup>2</sup>Frederick Co, VA, Will Book 2, pp 318-320.

<sup>3</sup>Frederick Co, VA, Deed Book 8, p 338.

<sup>4</sup>Compare signature on above deed with Hampshire Co, WV, Deed Book 4, p 102.

addition to the name of his grandmother (he superimposed the Hicewonger surname of his aunt over her as Nyeswanan) that his grandmother, the first wife of Jacob Brake, had six children. While he never met his grandmother, and it was difficult to recall her name correctly, it does not seem unreasonable to assume that he could have had excellent knowledge of how many brothers and sisters his father had. Having done intensive research on the children of Jacob Brake, this writer concludes that his children by the first marriage were: Jacob "the captive," born circa 1750; Mary Magdalena, born circa 1750; John, born 14 June 1754<sup>5</sup>; Elizabeth, born 27 February 1757<sup>6</sup>; Isaac, born circa 1760; and, Abraham, born in August of 1763.<sup>7</sup> The fact that the evidence gives us six children, just as Mr. Brake said, would seem to show that he was correct in his statement that his grandmother had six children. So we must assume that the earlier children, such as Mr. Brake's father, Jacob "the captive," had the same mother as the younger ones such as Abraham. Therefore, since we have shown that South Branch Jacob Brake was married to Elizabeth Cooper at least as early as September of 1762, then she had to be the mother of Abraham, and demonstrably the mother of the others!

Having shown who the first wife of South Branch Jacob Brake was, it now remains to give something of her death at the hands of Native Americans and the captivity of her son. The date and place of this occurrence have become as confused as the name of the first Mrs. Brake and the date of the battle in which she was supposed to have died.

The "Battle of the Trough," on the South Branch of the Potomac, took place within a few days of 24 April 1756. This date is clearly proven by a comparison of a letter written by George Washington on that date to Governor Dinwiddie<sup>8</sup> with later accounts of the battle. The confusion as to the date of the trough battle appears to begin with Kercheval's History of the Valley of Virginia published in 1833. Kercheval begins by stating that the "wife of John Brake" was killed by Indians on the South Fork of the South Branch; and, while he is not specific as to the date, Kercheval makes the statement in connection with other events which took place in 1758, implying indirectly that John Brake's wife was killed in that year. He continues by giving particulars of the trough battle and showing the

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<sup>5</sup>Calculated from age on John Brake tombstone, Jackson Cemetery, Jackson's Mill, WV.

<sup>6</sup>Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson

<sup>8</sup>Fitpatrick, John C. editor, The Writings of George Washington, Vol. I, 1745-1756. Washington, D.C., U. S. Government Printing Office, 1931.

correct date of 1756, citing "Messrs. Van Meter, McNeill and Heath" as his source. "Messrs. Van Meter, McNeill, and Heath" made no mention of a Brake being involved in the trough battle, and Kercheval made no connection to the trough battle when dealing with the killing of "John Brake's wife" as shown above. But it is in Kercheval's continuation of the narrative that we find a key piece of historical error.

Kercheval continues his narrative by saying that after the above was written he had received additional information on the trough battle from Dr. Charles Turley "of Fort Pleasant." He then appends Dr. Turley's account (in quotes) to his own, and Dr. Turley says that at the trough battle a Mrs. Brake was killed. This contention has come to be accepted as historical fact; but, as with Mr. Brake's narrative of his grandmother's history, it is oral history and the documentation does not support it. Dr. Turley was not even local. He was born 11 April 17889 and married Fannie Harness in 1812.<sup>10</sup> He was not old enough to remember the battle of the trough, and his residence at "Fort Pleasant" may have confused some into the belief that he lived at Fort Pleasant at the time of the battle. In fact he lived at the site of Fort Pleasant 75 years later. His statement published in Kercheval that Mrs. Brake was killed at the trough battle is the only source of this contention, although a number of historians have repeated it, always citing Kercheval as the source.<sup>11</sup>

No other early source of information on the trough battle makes any mention of a Brake being involved, so far as this writer knows. Washington certainly makes no mention of a Brake, although it should be pointed out that he did not deal specifically with any individual casualty. Felix Rennick in his 1842 letter to The American Pioneer deals in some detail with the battle but does not mention a Mrs. Brake.<sup>12</sup> George Yokum, a South Branch native who should have known the Brakes, made no mention of a Brake at the trough battle when he was interviewed in Kentucky as an old man in the 1840's, although he does in fact list several

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<sup>9</sup>Rice, William. Turley tombstone, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, West Virginia.

<sup>10</sup>Rice, William. Hardy County marriage notes.

<sup>11</sup>See Brannon, Cartmell, Moore; all from Capt. & Mrs. Jack Piper notes.

<sup>12</sup>American Pioneer, Volume 2. Capt. & Mrs. Piper notes.



individuals as casualties.<sup>13</sup> Wills De Hass also dealt in some detail with the trough battle in his 1851 history, but makes no mention of a Brake as a casualty.<sup>14</sup> The 1892 history of Muskingum County, Ohio, mentions the capture of Jacob Brake "the captive" (as "George Brake") but does not couple the event with the trough battle.<sup>15</sup> So we must ask ourselves why it is that none of these early authorities mention the death of Mrs. Brake at the trough battle. The answer is that she didn't die there!

We have seen from the above material that the first wife of Jacob Brake was having babies somewhat regularly from about 1750 until August of 1763. She, in fact, conceived one of these, Elizabeth, about May of 1756 (Elizabeth was born in February of 1757). It seems unlikely that Jacob Brake would already have re-married and conceived a child within days of the death of his wife, and this is what he would have had to have done if she had died at the trough battle. Furthermore, the above cited Frederick County documents, among others, will demonstrate that Jacob Brake had not even made the move from Frederick County to the South Branch until years after the trough battle took place! So what of the massacre of Mrs. Brake and the captivity of Jacob?

It appears that Jacob Brake came across the mountains into West Virginia about 1762/63. He bought the property that would become his home from Peter Haas in the latter year.<sup>16</sup> McWhorter tells us that Jacob "the captive" was captured by Indians when he was about eleven years old, placing the date at about 1763 or 1764.<sup>17</sup> Linnie Cunningham writes that Jacob was captive among the Indians for a decade.<sup>18</sup> Since it is known that Jacob "the captive" had

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<sup>13</sup>George Yokum interview. Draper Papers. West Virginia University Library, MSS 12 CC-147.

<sup>14</sup>De Hass, Wills. History of the Early Settlement and Indians Wars of Western Virginia. Wheeling, West Virginia: H. Hoblitzell. (1851)

<sup>15</sup>Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Muskingum County, Ohio. Goodspeed Publishing Company: Chicago. (1892)

<sup>16</sup>Peter Haas deed to Jacob Brechtel. Hampshire County, West Virginia Deed Book.

<sup>17</sup>McWhorter, Lucullis Virgil. The Border Settlers of Northwestern West Virginia from 1768 to 1795. Jim Comstock: Richwood, West Virginia. (1974)

<sup>18</sup>Cunningham, Linnie Louisa Brake. "The Brake Family in West Virginia," Hacker's Creek Journal, Volume 4, Number 3, April 1986.

acquired a settlement right on the Buckhannon River by 1776 19 (although he didn't actually move there for several years), he had to be captured before 1766 if he was with the Indians for ten years. So the evidence implies that Mrs. Brake was in fact killed and her son captured on the South Branch about 1763 or 1764.

Having dealt with the identity and death of the first wife of Jacob Brake, Sr., of the South Branch, it remains to deal with an outlandish piece of genealogical legend that has been conjured up in recent years. An article in the Hacker's Creek Journal in a recent volume, 20 reports the existence of a journal kept by captive Jacob Brake dealing with his time in captivity. The article continues by making the startling revelation that Brake wrote that his mother, "Naddie Nyeswanan" was an Indian woman.

Such a document would certainly be an item of major importance to the early history of the region, but immediately some troubling questions arise. If Jacob Brake "the captive" was literate enough to keep a journal, why did he sign legal documents with a mark, suggesting illiteracy? 21 It has been shown that his father also signed with a mark, so it appears that his family were also unlettered. If he dictated the journal to someone, why do none of the early historians who deal with Brake history, such as Cutright, McWhorter, Cunningham, or Cowger, make any mention of it? Cunningham in fact mentions stories told by Jacob "the captive" but implies that these were told orally. And even if he made mention of an Indian mother, it is well known and documented that captive white children were adopted into Indian families; and, he may well have meant that his adoptive mother was an Indian, 22 as the evidence above should prove who his biological mother actually was.

Finally, the most troublesome aspect of the credibility of a journal of captive Jacob is the owner's flat refusal to allow anyone to even LOOK AT the journal, let alone copy it. Here we are faced with one hard rule of evidence: that no document, no matter by whom written or by whom possessed, can be accepted as historical evidence solely on a verbal statement of its existence. When the owner of any such document refuses to allow it to be viewed and used, the document is by that action taken out of any reasonable

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19Records of Commissioners for Unpatented Lands, Monongalia County, West Virginia, courthouse.

20Hacker's Creek Journal, Summer 1989; Brake Bugle, Volume 2, Number 3.

21Lewis County Deed Book C, p 204. Linda Meyers notes.

22"Bouquet's Expedition" in Harper's New Monthly Magazine, Volume 23, p 137, and October 1861, p 591.

debate as an item of evidence, unless there is some corroborating evidence of its existence from some source other than the party making the verbal statement. This is an irrefutable rule of evidence. In light of it, this writer will NOT accept ANYTHING that reputed to be from captive Jacob's journal as valid historical evidence until such time that the said journal can be viewed and copied for the use of all concerned. And a xerox would not do. A look at the original or a good photographic analysis of it would be needed before it could be properly evaluated and take its place among our region's historical documents.

We, as genealogists and historians, would do well to sit back and take a good look, a fresh look, at everything we accept as fact. We should ask ourselves what supporting evidence exists and whether said evidence supports the traditional account. It is hoped that this article will help clarify some discrepancies in the history of one family, and it is in the spirit of cooperation that it is offered for scrutiny and discussion. The research is continuing. Any corrections, additions, or discussions are welcome and should be addressed to the author at PO Box 1933, Elkins, WV 26241. (Based on research completed as of January 1993.)

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#### NEW FAMILY HISTORIES AVAILABLE

Algie Bailey has compiled the Dennison Family History from material she has gathered since the 1950's. It is 45 pages with a 29-page index. She is selling it for \$12 postpaid.

She also is offering 90 pages, plus 50-page index, of the Burnside Family of John and Elizabeth (Collins) Burnside for \$20 postpaid. This history is suitable for a three-ring binder.

Order either by writing to Algie at Rt #8 Box #22, Fairmont, WV 26554.

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#### Religious Tolerance - continued from page 114

by public funds, and held them only for the cause of religion, appears to forget that Mr. Bird has only paid the debt of nature, which they must pay, and woe be unto them if they be found deficient in Christian charity. Faith, hope and charity are Christian virtues, but the greatest of them is Charity.

WHERE WAS JACOB BRAKE IN 1756 ?  
WHO WERE HIS WIVES ?  
WHERE DID HE DIE ?

It is both fascinating and exciting to entertain the notion that one might have a Native American heritage. Entertaining the idea is one thing, proving it is yet another.

In the summer issue 1989 of the "Hacker's Creek Journal", Ed Schoolcraft wrote an article about his Schoolcraft family. The article tells of a relationship between the Schoolcrafts and the Brakes. The basis of this evidence came from a journal that was supposed to be in the possession of Janet Cosgrove. Janet claims the journal had been written by Jacob Brake(b. abt 1749/50/51), known to Brake researchers as Jacob, "the captive". He received this title because of the years he spent in captivity during late childhood and early manhood. Ed, in his article, states that he has *no factual evidence* to back up his statements and cites a conversation he had with Janet. In this conversation Janet gave Ed the following information:

1. "Jacob Brake Jr's mother was Miss Nyeswanan, she was an Indian woman and she was the daughter of an Indian chief."
2. " John Schoolcraft's wife was Miotoka Nyeswanan, and that Jacob Brake Jr's mother and John Schoolcraft's wife were sisters."
3. " All of John Schoolcraft's troubles were connected with his Indian wife. "
4. "Sometime after Jacob Brake Jr's mother was killed by the Indians in 1758 her grave was exhumed at which time several artifacts, such as beadwork, pottery and silver ornaments were removed and retained by her descendants."
5. "Janet also told me the reason Jacob Brake Jr's mother was referred to as "Miss Nyeswanan". Evidently it was an established custom in Indian families that the oldest daughter in the family would be the first to marry, followed by the next oldest daughter, etc. Apparently Jacob Brake Jr's mother had broken with that tradition and married Jacob Brake Sr. before her older sister, Miotoka, had married John Schoolcraft. The use of "Miss Nyeswanan" was the Indian way of signifying that fact."

ref: "Hacker's Creek Journal", p. 197, Summer 1989

Ed was not permitted to see the *said* journal. To my knowledge, no one has seen the journal, although there have been many requests by other researchers, including me.

Early in the spring of 1990, I wrote to Janet and asked if she would photograph the journal for me. Her answer was "no", as she planned to print it in its entirety in the " Hacker's Creek Journal." In a second letter to Janet, 21 April 1990, I asked these questions and

received the following answers:

1. What is its (the journal's) physical condition?

*answer:* "Very poor, it's one of these small books feed companies gave as free gifts to farmers."

*note:* We have just confirmed grist mills were still thriving in Lewis County during this period (1820-31). It is doubtful their owners gave away paper booklets.

2. Will you photograph it for the Journal?

*answer:* "No, he wrote with pencil and it doesn't copy good. Jacob could barely write so it's very hard to interpret what he means. I believe this is why Cutright gave up on it, it's very hard to make out."

*note:* Recent inquiry reveals pencils were an expensive, precious commodity and were not readily available in this country until after the Civil War.

Jacob died in 1831...in 1825, he and his wife deeded property to the Baptist Church in Buckhannon, WV, (Lewis Co. Deed Bk: C p:204, recorded April 1825). Jacob and Mary *both* signed with their mark!

3. Was there any clue as to the first name of Jacob's mother?

*answer:* "Which one? Naddie was killed by Indians and spoke of often. Kaddie was also mentioned."

4. How do you validate that Jacob was its author?

*answer:* "He wrote his name and was very accurate in his dates, names, places, etc. Cutright had it when he wrote his History of Upshur County and could have used it, but only used parts of it."

5. Who is the Mrs. Nixon of Heavner Grove who gave you the journal and is she still living?

*answer:* "She died in 1972. She also gave me the Pringle Bible and Pringle pot. She had collected all her life, but never was able to write a book, she knew I was looking for Pringle info and called me. When she saw how interested I was, she gave me a trunk full of Upshur County info."

Excited, and before coming to these most recent realizations, I copied and sent the above information to David Edwards, author of The Brake Family, A Tradition A Contribution and A Legacy. David was the historian for the newly formed Brake Association and was writing articles for their newsletter. Because he was not of the WV branch of the Brake family and because I was his only source for this information, he cited me as co-author of the story that can be found in the Vol.2- No.3 issue of "The Brake Bugle".

In the meantime, Harriet and Jack Piper had been searching the records of Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. They have spent considerable time documenting the whereabouts of

Jacob Brake, his *movements*, his *wives* and *the massacre* on the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac, *which has been reported*, took the life of Mrs. Brake in 1756. They have shared that information with me. From their *documented* evidence there is a strong indication Jacob Brake did not live on the South Fork prior to spring of 1763. There is *documented* evidence Jacob Brake was living on Cedar Creek, Frederick County, as early as the late 1740s/ early '50s through May 1762. The Pipers findings are:

1. The following six surveys mentioning Jacob BRAKE/BREAK and Jacob BRAKE Junr. were found in Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys, Frederick County, 1747-1780, Vol. II, compiled by Peggy Shomo Joyner. (spelling and punctuation as written)

pg. 39. Martin Crider/Grider, 18 Jan. 1749/50 --28 Feb. 1749/50; 346 a. where he lives on a br. of Ceader Crk; adj. Fry's pat. CC - Jacob Brake & Jacob Durkley. Surv. John Baylis.

pg. 124. Michall Poker, assignee of Philip Harsey; 18 Jan. 1749/50--14 Mar. 1750/51: 100 a. on Ceader Crk. where Harsey lives; adj. William Russell & "A Dutch mans plantation." CC Jacob Break and Wm Dyer. Surv. William Baylis.

pg. 37. Jacob Cooper, no warrant, survd 4 Dec. 1751; 220 a. including where he lives on Pen Brook, a br. of Ceedar Crk. CC Jacob Brake, Junr & James Sears. Marker- Philip Harker. Surv. Robert Rutherford.

pg. 8 . John Batchelder, no warrant, survey dated 5 Dec. 1751; 250 a. including where he lives on Penbrook, a br. of Ceeder Crk.; adj. Jacob Cooper. CC Jacob Brake, Junr & James Sears. Marker: Fredk Grytor. Surv. Robert Rutherford.

pg. 166. Rudolph White (on verso of survey, "should be Rodolph Whiteman"); 17 Feb. 1752--15 May 1753; 264 a. including where he lives on a br. of Cedar Crk.; adj. Jacob Brake, Michel White, Angel Hockman(Stockman?) CC Joseph Disponite & Jacob Brake.. Surv. Robt. Rutherford.

pg. 172. Isaac Zane in his own right & as assignee of John Potts and Jno Leshner, all assignees of Majr Lewis Stephens; 10 Feb. 1762--28 May 1762; 3,195 a. on Cedar Crk. at Great Falls under North Mt.; adj. in wart - Henry Secrist, Nicholas Princeler, Leonard Cooper, John Bachelor, Barnet Disponet; adj. in survery - John Jacob Disponet, Michael Poker, Jno Bachelor, Jacob Cooper, Sears, John Richards, Angle Stockman, Nicholas Princeler, Henry Secrest on drs. of Back Crk., John Frederick. CC Jacob Brake & Jacob Birkly. Marker: Mr. Lewis Stephens & Peter Stephens. Surv. Robert Rutherford. (Filed in OVERSIZED box)

2. The White survey was the *only* survey which mentioned Brakes' adjacency. This was not sufficient enough information for the Pipers to pin point the exact location of the Brake property. However, they feel they were within a one mile radius of his land. They note that

within a 4 to 5 mile radius, there are very few tillable mountain meadows. The White survey and the surveys of a series of other adjacent properties are located approximately 1/2 mile NE of the present village of Mountain Falls, east of Rt. #608, or about one mile north of the lowest dip of the southward bend of Cedar Creek.

3. There is evidence that Jacob Brake and wife were still in Frederick Co. when Jacob Cooper executed his will on 07 Aug. 1758, (Frederick Co. VAWill Bk: 2 p:318-320, stating his heirs as son, Jacob Cooper and daus., Maglen and Elesebth. Filed: 06 Sept.1758, by Magdalena NISEWANGER and Elizabeth BRAKE. Jacob made his mark in the presence of James Moore, Martin Grider, and Leonard Kiffer(Jacob Cooper's brother).

The will was administered in 1762 by Elizabeth and her sister. Cooper property sold, (Frederick Co. VA Deed Bk: 8, 1762-63 p.335, 06 Sep . 1762..ordered recorded 03 May 1763).

- a. The will, dated, 06 Sept. 1758, is the first reference found that Elizabeth Cooper was married to a Brake.
- b. Jacob Breake made purchases at the Cooper estate sale, (Frederick Co. Will Bk:2, pg 385-386, returned 01 April 1760). This record shows an entry of a 40L debt to Jacob Breake "to a plantation".
- c. Cooper Lease, (Frederick Co. Deed Bk:8, pg 335-336, 06 Sept. 1762) *Indenture* between Jacob Brake and Elizabeth Brake, his wife and John Nisawanger and Magdaline, his wife and *release*, 07 Sep. 1762 are the earliest records, documenting Elizabeth as the wife of Jacob Brake. Jacob signed with his mark.  
*note:* The most concrete evidence that confirms Frederick Co. Jacob Brake, and Hardy Co. Jacob Brake are one and the same is that they both signed with a block **IB**. For comparison, the two best preserved, clearest, IB marks are on the Frederick Co. Disponet estate, 03 Apr. 1758, and the Hampshire Co. House estate, 13 August 1765.
- d. This sale was not proved until 03 May 1863. There is no indication that the Brakes attended.
- e. 07 Sept. 1762 is the last official record of Elizabeth Cooper Brake.

4. When did Jacob Brake leave Frederick Co. and take up residence on the South Fork? The exact date remains uncertain. However, the evidence presented shows Jacob was in Frederick County through 07 Sept. 1762. Further, exhaustive search of wills, inventories, estate sales, land records and court records has found no evidence Jacob was in either Hampshire or Augusta County prior to the time he purchased his South Fork land. Jacob completed his purchase of his South Fork land, 06 May 1763.

- a. Lot #1, 640 a. was originally granted to Peter REED on 07 Sept. 1749 from the

Lord Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia. He built a grist mill known as Reed's Mill.

b. Reed sold Lot #1 to Peter HAAS, 22/23 February 1753, the mill continued to be known as Reed's Mill.

c. Peter Haas sold Lot #1, 640 a. to JACOB BRECHTEL of Hampshire County, *lease* dated 05 May 1763, release dated 06 May 1763.. The mill then became known as Brake's Mill.

*note:* It is not known why Jacob Brechtel is listed as "of Hampshire Co.", perhaps he started a spring crop on Haas property prior to recording the purchase.

5.. The Shawnees continued to attack on the South Fork until 1765. The History of Hampshire County, by Maxwell and Swisher, 1897, emphasizes that after a period of peace, hostilities were renewed in 1763 and the Shawnees continued to attack the South Fork until 1765 when hostilities ceased.(pp.338-339)

One un-referenced source states, "Last Indian raid in Augusta Co., 1764, Shawnees traveled north through the "Cow Pasture" up the South Fork, raiding and killing as they made their way north to go to Ohio." This reference is significant because the southern boundry line of Jacob Brake's Lot #1 eventually became the boundry between Augusta and Hampshire County. There are in Augusta County tombstones dated 1764 indicating death by massacre.

These facts provide sufficient evidence that the Brake massacre occurred in 1763-1765, and not in 1756 at the Battle of the Trough (circa 24th April). The 1763-1765 time span provides greater support to the family tradition and historical accounts that Jacob Jr. was captured at the time of his mother's massacre and lived for a period of time with the Shawnees. The reports that he was about 11(b. abt. 1749/50/51)when he was captured do not fit the massacre date of 1756. Also, his sister, Elizabeth Brake, is documented as being born 22 Feb. 1757, which would mean that she was conceived shortly after the Battle of the Trough, probably towards the end of May 1756. It is highly unlikely that Jacob would remarry immediately after the massacre of his wife.

George W. Jackson in a letter to his niece(probably the daughter of Edward Brake Jackson) stated that "John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson emigrated and settled in Calvert Cy. Md 1754 and that Jacob Brake, the father of my mother(Elizabeth) immigrated with his family of *five* children at a later period from Germany, but *prior* to the Revolutionary War and settled in Hardy Cy 15 miles from Moorfield."

*note:* In his statement, George W. Jackson, has confused the generations. It was his great grandfather, Jacob Brake who immigrated from Germany, with his wife, Mary Margaret, and five children, Martin, Elizabeth, Catherine, Margaret and Jacob. They settled on Cedar Creek, Frederick Co. VA.



This son, Jacob (1725/30-1809), also an immigrant, was the father of Elizabeth(Blake) Jackson and eventually settled in Hardy Co. (W)VA, 15 miles south of Moorefield.

In a letter dated May 17, 1867, Buckhannon, West Virginia, from Mrs. Laura Jackson Arnold to George Jackson, Laura discusses a letter she received from Abram W. Brake, a grandson of Jacob Brake(1725/30-1809).

Abram states, " George Jackson, (your grandfather) was the oldest son of John Jackson Sr."

*note:* This statement is incorrect. George Jackson was the oldest, but he was not Laura's grandfather. Laura was the daughter of Jonathan,, the s/o Edward and Mary (Haddan) Jackson.

"Your grandmother was Elizabeth Brake, daughter of Jacob Brake, who was a native of Germany."

*note:* Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob, but she was not Laura's grandmother. Laura had a step-grandmother, Elizabeth Brake Jackson, who was the daughter of John Brake, a brother of the above Elizabeth. If Abram W. Brake was confused about this, then he possibly was confused about his next statement.

" He(Jacob Brake) married a *Miss Nyeswanan* for his first wife, and after she had six children, she was killed by the Indians on the South Branch where they had always lived."

*note:* Could Abram have confused Elizabeth (Cooper) Brake with her sister Magdalena(Cooper) Nieswanger? When trying to recall his grandmother's *maiden* surname could he have inadvertently recalled the *married* surname of his grandmother's sister? Thus, Miss Nyeswanan became known as the wife of Jacob Brake!

" Jacob Brake, her husband, some years after her death married Miss Catherine Stump, of the same place, also a German. He died at an old age at the homestead. "

Assuming Abram's last statement is correct, and there is evidence that it is, then there is no basis for the theory that the "Old Baron left the country, never to return" after the Tory uprising in 1781, as stated by numerous historians.

1. The Tory Uprising or the Brake/Claypool Rebellion took place over a period of several months. Virginia Revolution Pension Applications, Vol. 37 p. 35-36, Fisher, Jacob #S15120,...On April 1781 marched against the Tories in the western part of Hampshire Co. which tour ended July 1781. Engaged in skirmish with Tories, near Brakes in Hampshire, now Hardy Co.
2. The Hampshire Co. garrison officially requested help from Fort Winchester, letter dated 22 May 1781, Calendar of Virginia State Papers, pg. 113-114.
3. Jacob Brake was arraigned in Hampshire Co. court at Romney, 21 Jun 1781, Judge Thomas Bryan Martin presiding.

4. Calendar of Virginia State Papers, Vol. II compiled by Palmer, p. 686 (04 Apr. 1781-Dec. 1781). Jacob Brake and Others: Petition for Pardon, 1781. Jacob Brake was the lead petitioner..petitioners were pardoned by the new Virginia governor, Thomas Nelson.

Prior to the Brake-Claypool Rebellion, Jacob Brake married Catherine Stump (1742-1816), d/o Michael Stump and Anna Catherine Neff. The earliest document referencing Catherine Brake is: Early Records of Hampshire Co. 8-9 May 1775 and Hardy Co. Deed Book pg 102-103--i.e. Jacob Brake and his wife Catherine sold 200a on the mountain to John Wolfe.

Following the Rebellion, Jacob returned to his primary interests: his mill, his distillery, his land. He continued to acquire land. Examples are:

- a. Northern Neck Land Records, U-409/410; Land Office Treasury warrant #8363; and Hampshire Co. Bk:8 p:467, 02 Apr. 1782, Jacob Brak, assignee of Christian Simmons, received 134 a in Hampshire co. Surveyed 16 Apr. 1784. Signed by Governor Beverly Randolph 29 Oct 1789.
- b. Northern Neck Land Records, w-302, pg 356-357, and Land Office Treasury Warrant # 19325. Issued 16 Sept 1783, surveyed 31 August 1793, recorded 21 Nov. 1793, 114 a..no agent.....Hardy Co., Brake, Jacob, 114a adjoining his own land 1 and extending up Reed's Run toward Cacapehon Mountain and on the east side of the South Fork of the So. Branch of Potomack River.

In the fall of 1807, approximately two years before his death, Jacob and Catherine deeded the homestead property to their only documented son. Hardy Co. Deed Book 6, pg. 56-58, Jacob and Catherine Brake, 13 Oct. 1807, deeded 640 a (Lot #1), which was originally purchased from Peter Haas, plus an additional 114 a, to Michael Brake.

Jacob Brake died in late 1808 or early 1809. An itemized sale bill of his personal property was recorded in Hardy Co. 10 Feb. 1809.

Catherine Brake's will, which again documents she was the wife of Jacob Brake, was proven in Hardy Co. VA., 10 April 1816. She left everything to her son, Michael.

There you have it, the facts as they are known today. Readers, you decide, where was Jacob Brake in 1756, who were his wives, and where did he die?



This is the home of John Minion McWhorter as it looked in 1970, but the exact location of the house has been lost to memory. It is believed that it was on Hacker's Creek. Anyone knowing the location, please contact Bob McWhorter (304) 599-2219.

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#### ERRATA - VOL. XI Issue I - JACOB BRAKE'S BIBLE

Linda Meyers submitted the following correction for p. 3d and 41 and says the mistake happened when Beatrice Arnold Giffin copied the Bible in 1938.

There was a child Catherine Elizabeth born 18 May 1828.  
There was also a child Eliza. Eliza was born 24 May 1834.

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## QUERIES

1. This query found in an Ohio Genealogical Society newsletter. It may be of some help to some of our members.

Seek info on James MC LAUGHLIN/MC GLAUGHLIN/MC GLOTHLIN, etc. family (wife ? WEISE) and desc who may have lived in are of Clarksburg, WV in late 1700's and moved to OH, perhaps to the area of Carroll Co first. Some of them settled in Meigs Co ca 1815 and some moved later to Vinton Co, OH. Children (that we know): Margaret m a CARPENTER; Ann; Mary; John m Barbara BICKLE; William m Polly LYONS; Jane m James NICHOLS; James; Sarah; Rachel m a BENNET; and granddaughter m into SMITH, JORDAN, SHIRKEY, WILSON SLEETH/SLEATH, TURNER, and COTTRILL families. Happy to share info. Hugh A. SNYDER, 2790 E 3000 So, Salt Lake City, UT 84109

2. Did John MITCHELL (1763-1840) serve in the Civil War? Is his gravestone still standing? Is there a "Mitchell Kin" organization? Lawrence MC CANN m Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Is their son, Patrick MC CANN, bur in OH or WV? Did William JOHNSTON 1/m Elizabeth HAYES and 2/m Elizabeth BERRY? Mrs. Maxine (RORABAUGH) DOWNEY, 916 N 20th St, Quincy, ILO 62301

Editor's Note: Maxine, I think you meant the Revolutionary War - and, the answer is yes. John Mitchell's grave is marked with the original tombstone in the Mitchell Family Cemetery near the Jane Lew exit of I-79. You will find a good history of John Mitchell in Volumes V and VI of the Journal. You may order back issues at \$22 per volume. See the end of this issue for ordering information. Re the "Mitchel Kin" organization - I don't believe there is - other than HCPD where you will meet lots of your Mitchell kin. Re Patrick McCann: you might have someone check Joseph M. Kellogg's "The McCann Family" manuscript. Copies may be found in the HCPD library, at the Allen County Library at Ft. Wayne, IN, and also in the West Virginia Regional Historical Collection at WVU.

3. Where or when did Emilla (Milly/Emily) ROMINE (nee NICHOLS) die and where is she buried? In 1900 when she was 83 yrs old, she is in the census living the Freeman's Crk Dist, Lewis Co, with her dau, Amelia ROMINE GUM, wife of Peter GUM. Emilla lived all her life in the same area. She haad three other children: John Burton; Presley; and Mary who m Adam Clarke SLEETH. If you can help, write me. Annarose SLEETH BOWERS, 604 Hatherleigh Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212-1651

4. Seek info on the Hans Martin WETZELL, Sr., b ca 1700 in Swiss-Germany. Came to America on 21 Sep 1731 from

Rotterdam to Philadelphia on the ship "Britannia." The captain was Michael FRANKLIN. Hans Martin was 31 yrs old. His wife was Maria Barbara WETZEL; his children were Hans Martin, Jr., Nicholas, and Katherina. In 1749 Martin is buying a land survey "Bonnett's Resolution" in Frederick Co, MD. They also have John WETZEL b 1733 and Henry b 1735.

Martin, Jr., and Henry later move to Rockingham Co, VA, in the Brock's Gap area. Nicolaus settles in Shenandoah Co, VA, near Woodstock.

I am also seeking info on children of Henry. I understand there were ten.

Also need info on Jackson WETZEL [son of Martin, b ca 1780, the son of Henry] who m Catherine CULLERS, d/o of Jacob and Elizabeth RIDENOUR CULLERS of Hardy Co, WV. I have a copy of a deed where Jacob listed all his children and spouses. The deed was made in 1869 in Hardy Co. I am seeking birthdays, marriage date and names of any children of Jackson and Catherine (CULLER) WETZEL/WHETZEL. Wilma J. RATLIFF, Rt 1 Box 548 B, McConnellsburg, PA 17233-9727 PH (717) 485-4966

5. I am offering a monetary reward to anyone who can supply me with documentary proof that Eve SMITH, b 1804, was d/o Jacob SMITH, birthdate not known, and that Jacob was the s/o Mark SMITH, b 24 Oct 1755, d 24 Jun 1840, Rev War veteran. Jacob was the eldest son. Family group sheets unacceptable. Need such things as a will calling Jacob son or property transactions naming Eve as daughter or family Bible records. I will also reward anyone locating a SMITH family Bible that was originally owned by Major Peter SMITH, War of 1812, which contains family line. Last known to be in possession of a Virginia SMITH of Lost Creek in 1935. DAR applications of Margheritte Gertrude SMITH, 1932, or Retta SMITH MAY, 1952, unacceptable. Ruth S. STROTHERS, 7904 Old State Road 60, Sellersburg, IN 47172

6. Searching for SHRIEVE(S), SHREVE(S), CUTLER, LOOMAN, AND GRIFFITH in Monongalia, Harrison, Ohio, and descendant counties from 1770's to 1870's. I have Benjamin SHRIEVE and Margaret CUTLER m in 1796. Also a Benjamin SHRIEVE m Eve ICE in 1804. Is this the same Benjamin? I believe Jacob SHRIEVE who m Ruth LOOMAN in 1819 is the s/o Benjamin and Mary. Are Ruth's parents Jacob LOOMAN and Nancy DICKEN? Nancy SHRIEVE, d/o Jacob and Ruth, m Charles G. GRIFFITH, 13 Nov 1847. I must commiserate with anyone about the lack of evidence. Warren Smith, 2250 Cody St., Lakewood, CO 80215-1798.

7. I am seeking info on the routes people traveled from the area of Fauquier Co, VA, to Lewis and Harrison counties in the late 1840's and early 1850's. What

was it like to make the journey? Where did the roads run?

The Civil War Lewis County Militia (192nd West Virginia State Troops) had many names appearing on the roster of more than one company and sometimes the names were slightly altered as in Obidiah for Orin. Why? Also, what did the Lewis County Militia do? I, also, seek info about the Tyler County Militia.

What is the modern name for an old Harrison County location (1800-ca1870) called Matthew Nutters Board Camp Run?

Can anyone tell me where the following Primitive Baptist churches were located: Mt. Zion and Hopewell. (Both were established before 1870 and were in Harrison County.) Also, can anyone provide info about the following churches located on an old Harrison County map: Liberty (north of Rockford on 48/1), Pleasant Hill (north of the mouth of Blue Lick on 52), and Green Hill (at the mouth of Birds Run on 57/3)? I also seek info about any Primitive (Old School) Baptist Church (located in any county) within 50 miles of Clarksburg.

Where did the following Lewis countians live during the 1860-70 era: Alexander and William Morrison, Isaac Benson, Asa Money Penny, and Adam Flesher? K.C. PRIEST, 921 Upton Dr, South Charleston, WV 25309

Editor's Note: The county militia were the "home guards" much as our National Guard are today. They operated, primarily, in their home counties. The vice president and editor of HCPD are presently volunteering one or two days a month in Charleston working on these original records. We are finding some interesting letters and other items pertaining to the militia. Eventually, the records will be microfilmed and available for public use; however, there is quite a bit of work to be done before they can be filmed. Anyone who cares to assist us, should contact us here at home.

We, too, have noticed that the men appeared on more than one roster. This, we believe, is because the companies were active for varying lengths of time.

8. Attention all cousins of WALKERS, CURTISEs, BENNETTs, FOXes, GABBERTs, SMITHs, SPROUSEs, KINSEYs, ROWHs, and DAVISSONs, who resided in and around Lewis County from 1808-1890!!! Please write. Will answer and share. Patricia B. HICKMAN, Rt 3 Box 239E, Corbin Branch Rd, Bridgeport, WV 26330

9. Otho MEANS, b abt 1803 and d 12 Jun 1872, had two wives. Catherine STARCHER who d abt 1835, and Nancy Anna CUMMINGS who d 25 Jan 1901. I seek info on the pars, bros, sis, of

these two women. Has anyone traced these roots? Tamara SNOW, 8503 Jackson Hole Drive, Sandy UT 84093

10. Seek desc & info on James N. JEFFRIES, b 1804 in Fauqueir Co, VA, d 1885 in Bendale, Lewis Co, WV. 1/m Martha STARCHER in 1825 Lewis Co and 2/m Susan Lucinda JARVIS in 1858 Bendale, Lewis Co. Also seek info & desc of Granville E. JEFFRIES (1827-1905) m Mary A. BRAKE (1832-1904). Lived in Gilmer Co, WV. Children are: Calvin D. (1859-1928); John W. (1860-1936); Melissa (1863-1935) m George SHORT; James A. (1864-1945) m Hannah HECKERT; Minerva L. (1866-1915); Lloyd G. (1869-1897); Francis D. (1871-1905); and Margaret Olive (1874-by 1936) m George B. WARD. Other families of interest are NORMAN, ROSS, QUEEN, BEALL, FURBEY, GIFFORD, KILDOW, BONNELL, and BONNETT. Marge JEFFRIES MURPHY, PR 1 Box 203C, Blue Earth, MN 56013

11. My mother was a MAXWELL. My direct line is from Thomas & Jane (LEWIS) MAXWELL. I have info on them and collateral lines which I would check for anyone researching these lines. On my dad's side, it is REIMER or RYMERS. Have some info on this side which I would be willing to share. Glenna RYMER THOMAS, 1806 Division Street Extension, Parkersburg, WV 26101

12. I need help with Grandville SHAVER and George SHAFFER and PIKE families. Virginia FIZER, PO Box 267, Oakland, MD 21550

13. Need info about William DAVIS and his wife, Jane, who lived in Clarksburg in 1782. He is not a part of the Seventh Day Baptist group that settled in Salem as that group did not migrate from Shrewsbury, NJ, until later. This William was the f/o William Davis, Jr., who m Hannah LAMBERT in 1790; their son was William L. DAVIS who m Catherine ASH in 1813. Need info about a James M. MINES, his wife, Ellen, and their dau, Elizabeth Ellen (b 24 Mar 1839) who m Isham MORRISON on 31 Dec 1863. Ethel NIELSEN, 25 Bridgewood, Irvine, CA 92714

14. Seek info re SIMS family. Alfred SIMS, b 1816, d 14 Sep 1902, m Lucretia ??? 22 Sep 1842. Also interested in photographs. Michael O. GOULD, 3713 Edgewater Dr, Vermilion, OH 44089

15. At the gathering last August, I copied some info that made a reference to the Trans-Allegheny Magazine (July 1902), Volume I. It pertained to a sheepskin deed that Patrick HENRY had given my ancestor, Jacob REGER. The footnote said that it contains a copy of the original land certificate granted during 1781 and preceding grants to

Jacob and John REGER. Where can I obtain a copy of this magazine? Mrs. Wendell (Rosie) HARMS, 7270 16th Ave, Keystone, IA 52249

Editor's Note: Try W. Va. & Regional History Collection, W.Va. University, Colson Hall, Morgantown; Library of Congress; or D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. One of these might have a copy and could copy the pertinent pages for you.

16. Thomas M. HARDMAN, b 1807/Lewis Co, s/o Rev. John and Elizabeth (WAGGONER) HARDMAN, m Rebecca CLARK, b 1808/prob Lewis Co, 30 Sep 1831 in Lewis Co. According to Sam W. HARDMAN's "History of Vandalia Community," they moved to Marion Co, OH, shortly after the birth of their second son, John. Their first child may have been named Samuel. First record found to date for this couple in Morrow County, OH, (formed from Marion in 1848) is in 1851. Shortly after they purchased property in that year, Rebecca died (9 Aug 1851/Canaan Twp, Morrow Co, OH) and was buried in the Worden Cem there. According to SWH, Thomas remarried but unable to locate marriage for him. When Thomas d 13 Jun 1883, his obit in Morrow "Sentinel" says he was survived by one son. Seek proof that Sam and John were the sons of Thomas and Rebecca. If John was a son was he the John L. HARDMAN who was b ca 1835 in Lewis County, d 1879/Parker, TX. John L. was twice married: 1/m Sarah R. MITCHELL 25 Apr 1856/McLean Co, IL, and 2/m 28 Feb 1871 Mary Elizabeth CARMICHAEL. Where were Thomas and Rebecca living in 1850?? Unable to locate on 1850 census in Ohio. Also seek John L. on an 1850 census. Any help appreciated. Nancy T. EBENSBERGER, 406 Banbury Lane, Victoria, TX 77904

17. Let me help you research your family tree. When I moved to Florida, I brought my genealogy library with me and I enjoy looking for our ancestors. Enclose a stamp, please. Mrs. Jan COSGROVE, PO Box 6321, Ocala, FL 34478

18. Seeking info on my mother's g.g. grandfather, Frederick STEINBECK (STEINBACH) who operated an "Ordinary" (inn) in Romney, VA (Hardy Co, now WV) in 1816 and d in Romney in 1823; bur in New Indian Cemetery, Romney; m Sarah (Sallie) ECKHART, d/o Henry ECKHART (possibly of MD), dates not known. Sarah then m Morgan BURNS (or BYRNS) in July 1824; she d 1853.

Children were: Henry D. STEINBECK (1801-1881) m Julia Ann CAPITO (CAPITEAU) (1808-1889), d/o Daniel & Nancy CAPITO of Franklyn, Pendleton Co, (W)V; William (1803-????) moved to Missouri or Iowa, married, and raised a large family; Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann (b 1808) m Aarow W. CLARK 21 Jul 1825, completed and registered Sarah's death certificate in 1853; Daniel Christian (1812-1881) never married, lived & farmed w/his mother until her death, then lived with Henry and



Julia and their grandson, Daniel, and was bur in Troy Cemetery, Gilmer Co.

Frederick was reported to be fur trapper along Ohio River in his earlier years and then owned farm land on Luney's Creek in Hardy Co. Also was granted a license to operate an Inn and Tavern at Romney in Hampshire Co, (W)V, in 1818.

Children of Henry D. and Julia were: Louisa, b 1830; Daniel F., b 1831; John W., b 1834; Perry G., b 1837; Christian Henry, b 1840; George W., b 1842; Nancy E., b 1846; and my great grandfather, Francis Eckert "Bub." "Bub" (1845-1905) m Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" BALLENTINE (1847-1941), d/o William Henry and Elizabeth Kimberly BALLENTINE, in 1871 and raised nine children: Henry Herbert (1872-1898); Julia Edna (1873-1898); Frederick William (1874-1956); Bessie Maud (1876-1971); Mary Ethel (1877-1895); Georgia A. (1880-1980); Charles "Karl" Dixon (1882-1940); Frankie Louise "Dollie" (1883-1977), my grandmother; and Walter Dean (1885-1981).

Anyone having info or needing info about this family, please write me, Shirley TOOHEY, 1140 N. Circle Drive, La Habra, CA 90631-2728

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Some Notes on the South Branch - cont. from page 105

County, Ohio, died in 1844, and is buried among the Oldakers in the cemetery at Utica, Ohio. Jane is buried in an unmarked grave at Johnstown, Ohio.

Jonathan Hughs, son of Elias, married Lovina Davis of Hardy County and had five children, the youngest of whom was Adeline who married George Sellars in 1847. The Sellars had eight children, one of whom, Orcella Lavina, married John Butcher Oldaker of Utica, Ohio. So the Hughs and Oldakers were together again after a hundred and some years.

Notes are from McKeever's History of Wardenville and member Edward L. Oldaker's The Oldaker Story. Ed's address is 737 South Pico Circle, Mesa, AZ Written in 1985.

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